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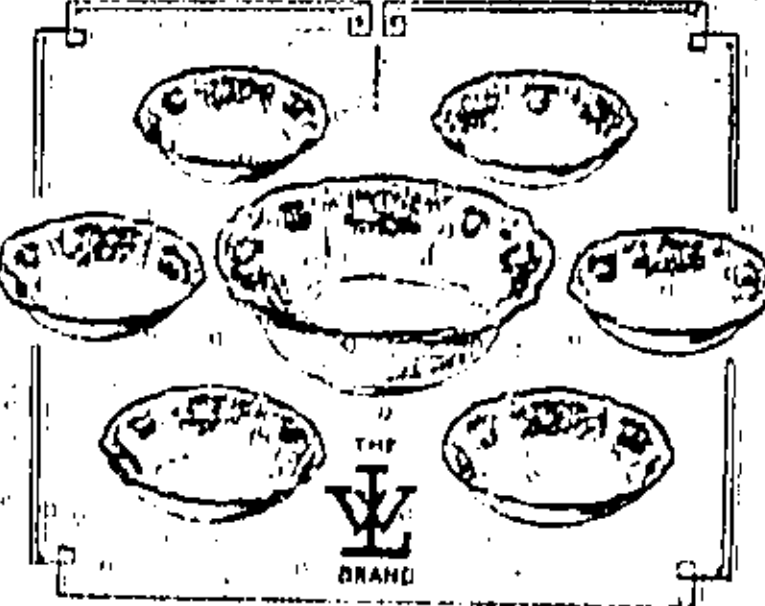
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HANKOW TROUBLE.

Parties of Marines
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FRANCE'S "SHARP EYE."

America and Extrality
Commission.

Rugby, Nov. 30.
No development of importance is
reported to-day from Hankow where
the anti-European movement and
strike situation have created a dan-
gerous situation.

Parties of marines have been
landed as a precautionary measure
in the British, French and Japa-
nese concessions, and naval vessels
off Hankow are being reinforced
from Shanghai by two American
destroyers and one British des-
troyer.

The Europeans in Hankow are
believed to number under one thou-
sand. All the concessions are on
the river bank, which facilitates
their defence and supply.

The New British Minister to
China, Mr. Miles Lampson, was due
to reach Shanghai to-day, where he
will be met by Sir Ronald Maclean,
whom he succeeds.—British Wire-
less Service.

France's Warning.

Paris, Nov. 30.
When the Chamber of Deputies,
was dealing with the situation in
China, M. Briand said, that France
had adopted a policy of moderation
compatible in accord with other
nations having common interests.

It was not France's business to
intervene in the internal politics of
another country, but it must not be
forgotten that there was a French
railway in Yunnan and China was
contiguous with French Indo-China
in that region.

Countries like Britain and
France, with concessions in China,
had often been dubbed predatory in
their civilisation, but their ejection
would mean a return to barbarism.
"We shall not allow French
throats to be cut. We shall keep a
sharp eye on events, though we
have no desire to be compelled to
intervene."—Reuter.

America and Extrality.

Washington, Nov. 30.

The Secretary of State, Mr.
Kellogg, is studying the report of
the China Extra-Territoriality Com-
mission with view to deciding what
should be done to carry out its re-
commendations.

Under a resolution of the
Washington Arms Conference,
these recommendations are not
binding on any country and ad-
ministration which does not feel
it is obliged to act jointly with the
other Powers.

It is expected, however, that
some steps will be taken to correct
the abuses criticised by the Com-
mission.

The only recommendation requir-
ing Congressional legislation here
is the suggestion that Chinese laws
should be used as far as possible in
the extra-territorial courts, which
might hinder an appeal to higher
courts in this country, unless
authorised by Congress.—Reuter's
American Service.

New York, Nov. 30.
Describing the Extra-terri-
toriality Commission's report as
one of the most important docu-
ments relating to China since the
Washington Conference, the
"New York Times" points out
that the report recommendations
will probably be rejected by the
Chinese despite the signature of
Wang Chun-hui. "So that even
if the report be accepted so
chaotic a Government has China
that nothing can be done to fulfil
the Chinese side of the bargain.
Yet it is very valuable in record-
ing an unimpeachable statement
on the present conditions in
China, and indicating the policy
the Powers are willing to pursue
so soon as China has set her
house in order.

The "Herald Tribune" says the
solution must come from within.
The "World" urges conces-
sions by both sides in order to
alleviate anti-foreign sentiment.
"What the report wants to give
it weight in China is prompt
action by the Powers in following
their delegates' suggestion. It is
preposterous to recognise China's
independence and simultaneously
deny control over the Customs
which belongs to every indepen-

STRIKERS SNUBBED.

Pakhoi Officials Forbid
Demonstration.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANTON.

Government Against Boycott
Agitators.

Welcome news comes from Pak-
hoi, on the south coast of Kwang-
tung, that the local Chinese officials
prevented a proposed demonstra-
tion organised jointly by the
Labour, Mercantile, Peasantry and
Education Association and the As-
sociation for the Severance of
Economic Relations with the Bri-
tish.

Agitators at Pakhoi have been
stirring up coolies and shop folk
to boycott British goods and ships.
Under instructions, it is believed,
from Canton, the city officials for-
bade the sponsors to hold their de-
monstration the latter, in turn,
sending a delegation to Canton to
protest.

ARREST SEQUEL.

Other Strike Leaders Keep In
Background.

Reports from Canton are singu-
larly silent as to the arrest of the
strike leaders by the headquarters
of the commander-in-chief.

The only news to hand is that
colleagues of the men detained were
so taken by surprise that they have
not made any appeal for the libera-
tion of Mr. So Shiu-ching (chair-
man) and the other four delegates
to the Executive of the Strike Com-
mittee.

Or perhaps the other members
of the Executive are keeping in the
background pending the possibility
of further developments.

Meanwhile other branches of
Labour continue to flourish.

New River Seamen's Union.

It is announced that a movement
is on foot to form a new Union,
under the name of "Hotel," for
native crews employed on Hong
Kong, Canton and Macao steam-
boats. Whether this applies to all
boats, or only to men of the Steam-
boat Co. remains to be seen.

This union will have headquar-
ters in Canton but branches at
Hong Kong and Macao are also
 mooted.

The deadlock remains between
the Steamboat Co. and the ex-sea-
men strikers, although a change in
the situation is expected im-
mediately.

FATAL ILLNESS.

AMERICAN ARMY CAPTAIN'S
DEATH.

RIVER BOAT TRAGEDY.

Said to be the son of Major-
General William Weigle, one of
the most distinguished of the
senior officers of the United
States Army, Captain Ellis D.
Weigle, of the 91st Coast Artil-
lery, U. S. Army, was found dead
in a bath room on board the s.s.
"Taishan" shortly after the ves-
sel's arrival in port last night.

Deceased was found by a cabin
boy, and an examination of the
bath room indicates that he had
been violently sick when fatally
seized, and had fallen between a
bath and the entrance to the
room.

Among the papers found in the
deceased's coat was a passport
issued at Manila on November 13.
This, and other papers found in a
pocket wallet enabled the police
to identify the body with little
difficulty.

It is understood that the de-
ceased boarded the ship a minute
or two before she sailed and from
then had not been seen. A ticket
to Japan was also found in his
pocket, together with the sum of
G.88 and \$2 in local currency.
The body was removed to the
mortuary.

dent nation."—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

Plans for China.

Paris, Nov. 30.

In the Chamber, M. Briand, an-
swering a question by the Socialist,
M. Fontanier, stated that com-
mercial aeroplanes were sold to China
without any breach of France's in-
ternational obligations.—Havas

WAR STARTS AGAIN.

Cantonese Resume Their
Offensive.

CAPTURE OF FOOCHOW?

Chang Kai-shek's New Objective
on Yangtze.

News from Chinese sources in
that the Cantonese Army in the
field, instead of waiting for Mar-
shal Chang Tso-lin's Fengtien
troops to come down South, have
renewed their offensive, and that
fighting has broken out near the
Yangtze, between Kwangsi and
Anhui provinces.

Indications are that General
Chang Kai-shek's next objective is
the province of Anhui, of which the
capital (Anking) is in close prox-
imity to the present outskirts of Na-
tionalist territory.

A cable report says, that firing
has been heard along the banks of
the Yangtze, in the direction of
Anking.

Deserters Join Canton.

The "Wah Tsz Yat Po's" Shang-
hai correspondent reports the cap-

POSITION OBSCURE.

Latest From Foochow.

Foochow, Dec. 1.
Chang Yi with 10,000 men is
retreating from Hingwei after his
defeat by the Cantonese
who attempted to capture Foo-
chow.

The present position of
Chang Yi and his troops is ob-
scure, as is the situation here.
Admiral Sah Chen-ping, the
Civil Governor, is protect-
ing the South Island and the
foreign district with the navy.
All is quiet at present.

Reuter.

ture of Foochow by the Cantonese
Army which was fitted out from
Swatow and environs.

Some of the pro-Sun Chuan-fang
defenders went over to Canton but
others held a council of war and
decided to offer resistance with the
assembly of small cruisers, gun-
boats and auxiliaries in that pro-
vince.

Chinese marines were landed to
reinforce the garrison to the North
of Foochow, after that port had
been reported to have fallen.

THE RIVAL ARMIES.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Peking, Nov. 22.

Great military preparations are
under way since Marshal Sun
Chuan-fang brought himself to
make a personal trip to Tientsin to
humble himself before Marshals
Chang Tso-lin and Chang Tsung-
chang.

The Mukden and Shantung com-
manders are in earnest about throw-
ing a force of 150,000 men, well
trained, well equipped and
backed by artillery and aeroplanes
into the Yangtze light. This will
be the largest force that the Can-
tonese will have had to contend
with, and these 150,000 men, back-
ing up Sun's shattered forces and
taking the brunt of the fighting,
may prove hard for the Cantonese
to cope with.

Heretofore the Cantonese have
dealt with one warlord at a time,
while others waited and watched
with jealousy and misgiving. This
time they will have to fight a real
coalition of the best forces—except
those of Canton itself, possibly—in
all of China.

Wu Pei-fu's Decline.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, once the
dominating force in the councils of
the North, has been relegated to the
position of a petty warlord, who
controls only a portion of one pro-
vince—Honan. His star has been
so definitely on the decline since
his loss of Hankow, that to-day
none of his nominees remain in the
national government here, nor even
in Chihli provincial posts.

In fact to-day the Tientsin con-
ference, headed by Marshal Chang
Tso-lin, served formal notice on Wu
Pei-fu, that he must either accept
the proffered military help of
Mukden, or else move his troops
westward, and get away from the
railway line which Chang Tso-lin
intends to use for his movement
south against the Cantonese at
Hankow. Chang has not forgotten
the time, a little more than a year
ago, when he advanced southward,
and had to beat a hasty retreat be-
cause Wu's men cut in across the
railway line at his rear.

PEKING "JUSTICE."

How It Is Dealt Out
Daily.

"OFF WITH THEIR HEADS."

Chinese Cook Put to the
Torture.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, Nov. 22.

Belgians, who have just been
forcibly deprived of extraterri-
toriality, and put under the juris-
diction of Chinese courts, view with
grave misgivings the manner in
which justice is administered daily
in the capital.

Recently when two soldiers tried
to force their way into a theatre
without buying tickets, they were
decapitated next morning without
even the formality of a court mar-
tial or any pretence of a trial. The
arresting officer merely telephoned
to the general in command, detail-
ed what had occurred at the theatre,
and the general, like the famous
"Red Queen" of "Alice in Wonder-
land," shouted back over the wires
—"Off with their heads!"

Another instance of administra-
tion of justice comes from Kikung-
shan, where a missionary's Chinese
cook was arrested on suspicion of
having stolen \$1,000 of Red Cross
funds from the trunk of a guest of
his employer. He was cross-ques-
tioned, and would tell nothing, so
they put him to the torture (under
orders of the judge). This torture
consisted of putting around his
neck and shoulders an iron yoke
weighing about 150 lbs., and then
forcing him to kneel on the sharp
edge of a sword.

Of course he confessed.

The people whom he named as
accomplices also confessed when
put to the same torture.

To-day Belgians find themselves
liable to just such treatment, and
if extra-territoriality were gener-
ally abolished all foreigners would
live under that system of adminis-
tration of "justice."

Boycott Threat.

Plans go merrily on to declare
a nation-wide boycott of Belgian
goods and Belgian companies on the
day on which Belgium appeals to
the World Court at the Hague for
settlement of the Treaty dispute
with China.

All of China, including the areas
under Cantonese control, have been
circulated by Peking leaders
concerning the proposed boycott
movement, and the day the appeal
is filed the boycott will go into
effect automatically. In Peking
street-corner speakers are busy
giving the populace a garbled ver-
sion of the whole dispute.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office, in
a Memorandum to the Belgian
Minister here, has suggested that
the Assembly at the League of
Nations would be a better place to
take the appeal, since the question
is "political, and involves the ques-
tion of equal standing of sovereign
nations."

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

ASTONISHING REVOLUTION-
ARY STATEMENT.

STRONG SHANGHAI COMMENT.

For a man who has given proof
of no small organising ability and
generalship General Chang Kai-
shek amazes one by the statement
of revolutionary policy which he
has given to the world via the
"Hankow Herald," writes the "N.C.
Daily News." So preposterous does
it seem that a man of his reputed
character should talk such rubbish
that we would fain believe even
yet that there has been some mis-
understanding and that somebody
has been imposing on our Hankow
contemporary.

It is not what
Chang Kai-shek talks of doing to
foreigners which we wonder at—
foreigners have given up wonder-
ing at anything in China—but what
he proposes to do for China (and
subsequently for the world). Hay-
ing "eliminated" Marshals Chang
Tso-lin, Wu Pei-fu and Sun Chuan-
fang ("something humorous with
boiling oil in it," no doubt), Chang
intends to set up a Soviet Govern-
ment, with Labour as co-partners;
after which China will set out
hand-in-hand with Moscow her
guide and benefactress, to abolish
Imperialism throughout the world.
Probably the world will know how
to take care of itself; it might even
do something to take care of its
nationals in China. But seriously,
could any project be better cal-

CANTON'S BUDGET.

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Minister Reports On Revenue &
Expenditure.

Out of a revenue of \$82,000,000
in a year, received by the Nation-
alist Government, \$61,000,000 went
in military upkeep and less than
\$11,000,000 in administrative ex-
penditure.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance
Minister, in his report for the year
from Oct., 1925 to Sept., 1926 says,
inter alia:—

The total revenue was \$82,000,-
000.

Compared with 1924, the 1925
revenue increased nine times.

The different items of the re-
venues are:—

likin	\$11,805,000
raised funds	11,560,000
salt tax	8,910,000
other taxes	4,018,000
opium tax	3,450,000
stamps	3,042,900
land tax	3,018,000
tobacco & wine tax	2,445,000
miscellaneous items	2,773,000
petroleum tax	1,798,000
extra tax	1,619,000
sandfield tax	664,000
Explosive tax	458,000
custom duty	275,000

Besides the distribution of
Treasury notes and government
bonds of \$283,000, both the re-
venues and the expenditures of
the treasury were also increased.

Expenditure Items.

The total expenditures for this
period were \$78,297,000 besides
the revenues that were not re-
ceived by the treasury.

The expenditures in this period
were:—

Military funds, \$61,285,000
(about 80 per cent of the total re-
venue).

Administrative expenditures \$10,-
865,000, about 15 per cent, includ-
ing \$1,708,000 the expenditure for
National Affairs, \$3,506,000 of the
foreign affairs, \$2,706,000 of the
provincial government, \$543,000 of
the internal affairs, \$1,138,000 of
the financial affairs, \$988,000 of
education, \$157,000 of judicial
affairs, \$320,000 of commerce and
industry, and \$326,000 of the mis-
cellaneous items.

Compared with the revenues and
expenditures, it showed a deficit
of \$5,821,000.

Abnormal Expenditure.

Last year due to the East River
campaign, the clearance in the
south districts, the re-enlistment
of the Szechuen army, the North-
ern Punitive Expedition this year,
the suppression of bandits, the
settlement of the old military
funds and the preparation of the
new, the making of bullets, and of
uniforms, and the expenses of
mobilising troops, both the regu-
lar and the standing expenses of
military funds were up to \$61,000,-
000 within one year.

The sum of \$40,000,000 was fixed
as a monthly expense in the
original budget.

As to the expenditure for finan-
cial affairs, about \$3,000,000 over-
head expenses were used for help-
ing the overseas Chinese. About
\$1,000,000 was used for the dif-
ficulty of collecting the revenues.
Another \$1,700,000 was used
beyond the budget in educational,
judicial, commercial, industrial
and administrative purposes for
different reasons.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official
weather forecast for all local dis-
tricts is:—N. E. winds, moderate;
overcast with rain at first, improv-
ing later.

At 11:45 a.m. to-day the Obser-
vatory reported Pressure has de-
creased considerably over S. W.
Japan and moderately at Chefoo.
It has increased considerably over
N. E. Japan and is nearly station-
ary elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6
a.m. to-day barometer 30.01; tem-
perature 65; humidity 87; wind N.
force 1; weather overcast.

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people than that of General Chang?
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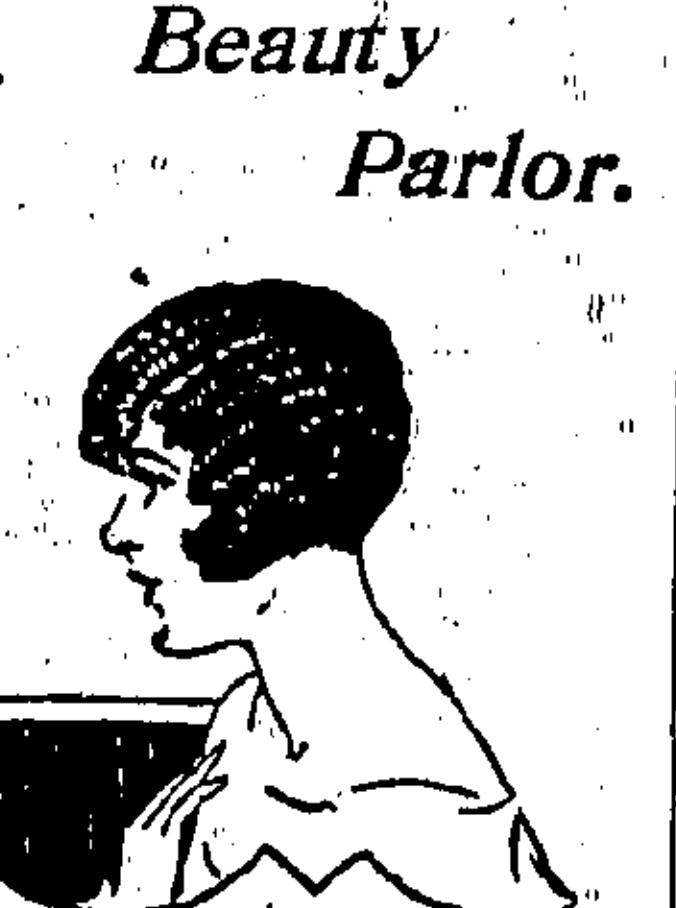
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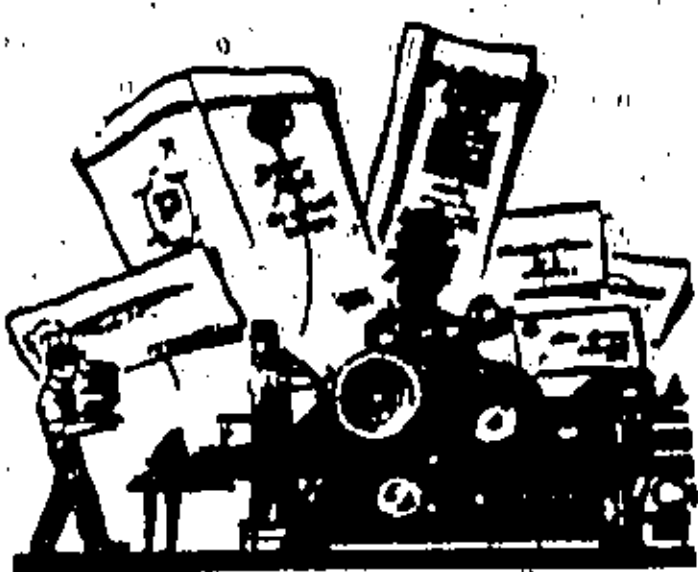
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the following list of some of the
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Mainland is published:—

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Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297

Mainland.	Feet.
Tatmoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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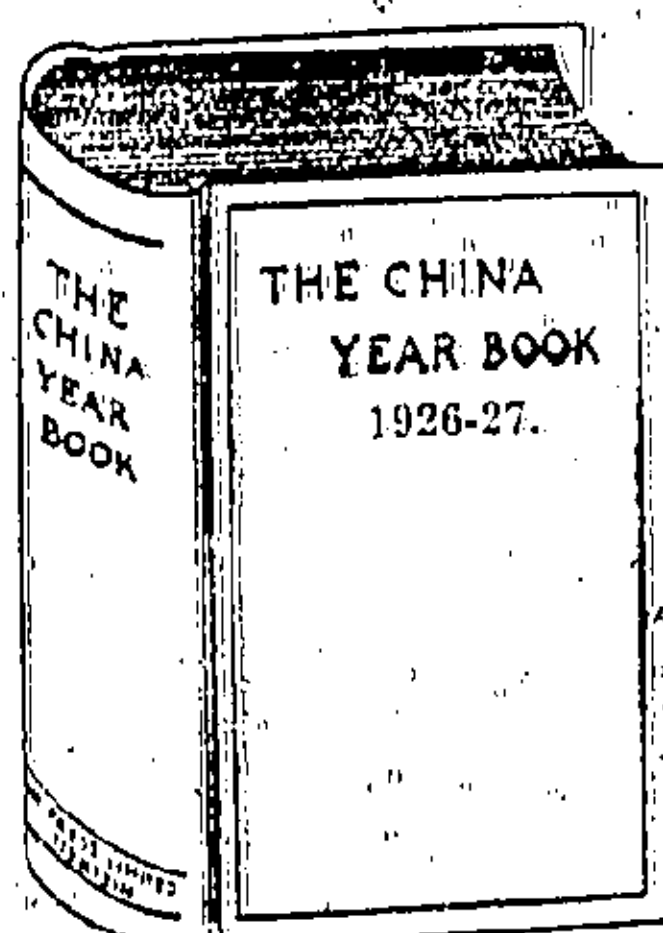
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction
to be held on MONDAY, the 6th
day of December, 1926, at 3 p.m.,
at the Office of the Public Works
Department, by Order of His Ex-
cellency the Governor, of one Lot
of Crown Land at Stubbs Road in
the Colony of Hong Kong, for a
term of 75 years, with the option
of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed
by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
King, for one further term of 75
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WAR NEWS.

RAILWAY MILITARY
FUNDS.Peking, Nov. 23.—The most diffi-
cult question which confronts the
Fengtien Armies, following their
decision to despatch the Fengtien-
Chihli forces to the south, is how
to raise military funds. In this
connection it is reported in Chinese
circle here that certain well-known
foreign concerns in China have pro-
posed to Marshal Sun Chuan-lang
to advance him \$5,000,000 on sound
security if Marshal Sun engages in
the campaign against the "Reds" in
concert with Marshal Chang Tso-
lin. It is further reported that
Marshal Chang Tso-lin is trying to
induce the Peking Government to
sign the contract for the loan, while
Dr. Wellington Koo, Acting Pre-
mier, declines to do so on the
ground that he is unable to hold
himself responsible for raising
military funds, but that the matter
may be settled at the current
Tientsin Conference.—Toho.

Unlawful Levy at Changchun.

Consul Kurinaka, of Changchun,
has been requested to negotiate
with the Finance Board, Kirin, to
refrain from levying either con-
sumption tax or any other special
tax excepting business tax, as
stipulated in the Sino-Japanese
Commercial Treaty. The above
request was made by Chairman
Shimada, of the Chamber of Com-
merce, Changchun, and the repre-
sentatives of the leading Japanese
cotton dealers there.While all unlawful levies on the
imports were agreed to be with-
drawn from November 1, where ac-
companied with certificates issued
by the Consul, the Tax Collectors
(Chinese) have been changing a
special tax 2.4 per cent. on the
Chinese buyers in addition to the
business and consumption taxes
amounting to 1 per cent. and 2.4 per
cent., respectively, the actual total
levy amount going up to 5.8 per
cent.In passing, in dealing with ex-
ports, the matter lies under study
to get some more acceptable sub-
stitute for the new export levy to
be worked out.

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

PROLETARIAT PARTY
ORGANISED.Tokyo, Nov. 21.—Professors
Isob Abe, Sakuzo Yoshino, and
Kiichi Horie, and others, who are
planning to form a new pro-
letarian political party, met yester-
day afternoon at the Kaichohai
Hall in Shita Park, and named 37
persons as members of Preparatory
Committee. It was decided
to hold an inauguration ceremony
of the party on December 5.The platform of the projected
party include legal revision of
the present system of distribut-
ing products of labour and real-
isation of political and financial
systems in favour of the working
classes.—Toho.

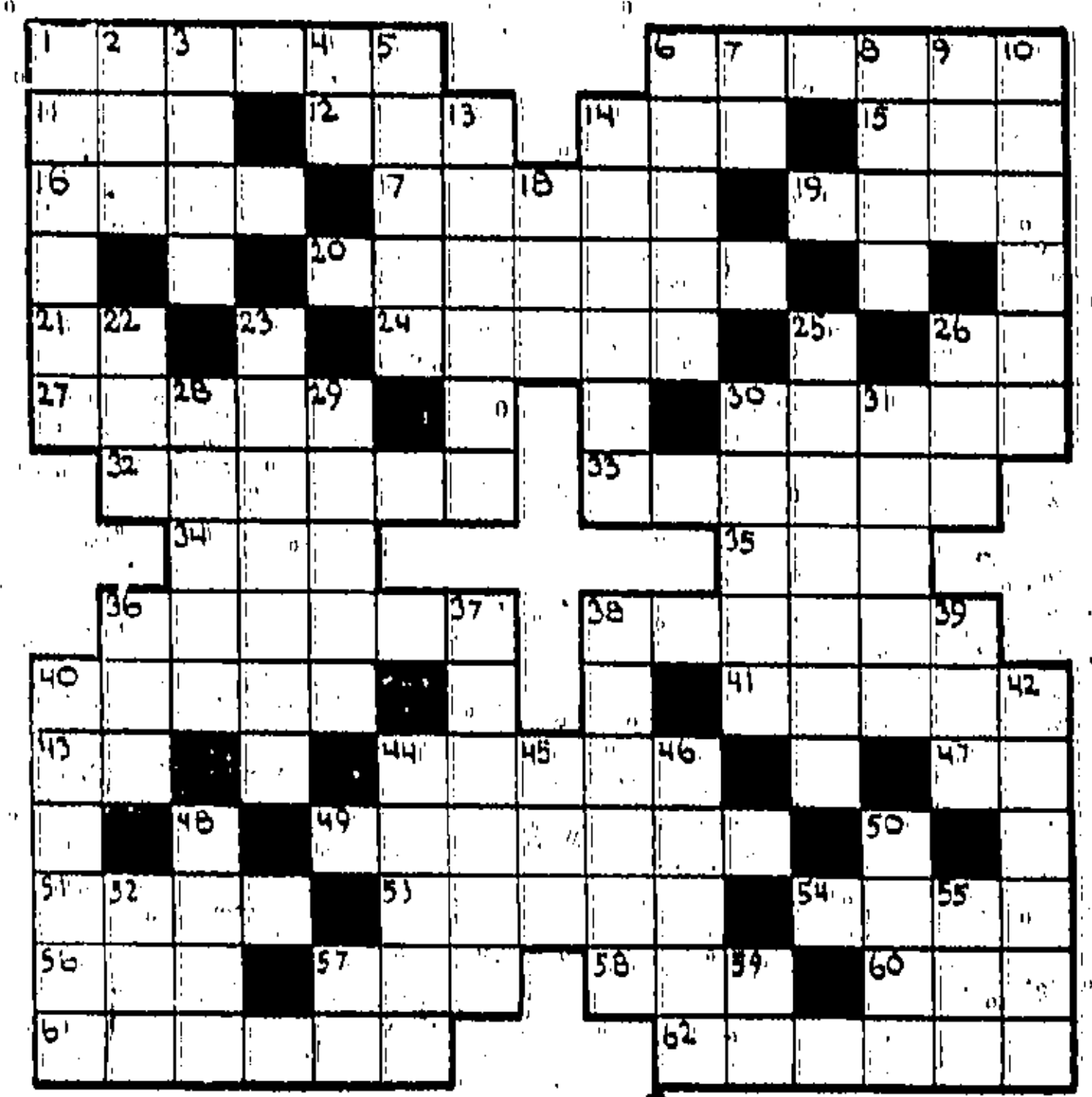
EXTRALITY!

ABOLITION OPPOSED BY
AMERICA.Washington, Nov. 23.
The State Department hopes
soon to make public the text of
a report in extraterritoriality in
China which has been cabled to
the British Government for their
approval. While Secretary of
State Kellogg has refused to com-
ment on the note, it is learned
that the report opposes the aboli-
tion of extraterritoriality and
cites the many miscarriages of
justice in cases of Russians and
Germans. It is unofficially stated
that the report blames the mili-
tarists for the assumption of
power, the seizure of judiciary,
legislative and administrative
functions, cites the deficits in the
treasury resulting in the failure
to pay peace officers, the lack of
uniformity of procedure in the
various courts and the delays in
perfecting the new legal and
judiciary system.—United Press.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE IRON HORSE" TO-DAY
TO SATURDAY.This is a tale of the bringing
of civilisation to the Far West,
the laying of the railroad track
across the Bad Lands, and the
difficulties and dangers encoun-
tered by the pioneers. The story
is thrilling and more than ordi-
narily good, but there are certain
details about the filming which
are worthy of recapitulation.Exceptional praise of the faith-
ful portrayal of the stirring
events in the early sixties has
been received from historians,
writers, and railroad executives
who have seen the picture.John Ford, who directed the
production, took his company to
the Nevada desert, in lower Cal-
ifornia, and in the Sierra Range to
obtain an accurate setting for
"The Iron Horse." The cast of
thirty principals including
George O'Brien, Madge Bellamy
and Gladys Hulette is augmented
by 5,000 extras, including a re-
giment of U. S. troops, three
tribes of Indians, 1,000 Chinese
and large herds of buffalo and
Texas steers.Of the principals at least four
were not of the profession prior
to their discovery by the Director,
John Ford. It is doubtful if any
screen production in the history
of the industry has brought such
striking characters into promi-
nence from the ranks of non-
professionals.Most remarkable of them all is
Judge Charles Edward Bull, a
justice on the bench of the city
court in Reno, Nevada, who plays
the role of Abraham Lincoln. He
was a "find" and strangely
enough, had lived his youth much
as Lincoln did, working on a
farm and studying between
times. Judge Bull returned to
the bench after he finished his
work in the picture.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Animosity	43-Upon	10-Cuddle
2-Hand covering	44-Combining form.	13-Pertaining to
3-Before	45-Plane	earliest epoch of
4-Garden tool	46-Pre-Down	Carozo era
5-Drunkard	47-Mental ability (pl.)	14-Dispatcher
6-Fish eggs	48-Act	15-Put on
7-Practical	49-Sign denoting	22-Ocean
8-Pattern	omission in	23-Lively (Musical)
9-Flat shallow	manuscript	24-Lessened gradually
10-Flat shallow	(abbr.)	25-Aged
11-Measure of time	54-Travel	26-A Pilgrim Father
(pl.)	55-Sin	27-A dress material
21-Plural-forming	56-Pronoun	30-Tropical animal
sum	57-A color	31-Half-growth on face
24-Dispatches	60-Point of compass	32-Wage
25-Termination denot-	61-Showered	37-Monetary unit of
ing an alcohol	62-Decayed	U. S. and Canada
27-Sea mammal (pl.)		38-Wrongdoer
30-Article of furniture		39-Dejected
32-Assert		40-Male goose
33-Harvested		42-Approached
34-The (German)		44-Measured by strides
35-A vegetable		45-Combining form. Air
36-Supplanted		46-Fur-bearing animal
38-Poacher in cream,		48-Peregrine falcon
as eggs		50-Wanted roots
40-Style of painting		52-An epoch
illustrating		53-Exercise
common life		57-Pronoun
41-A fortification angle		59-Execute

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

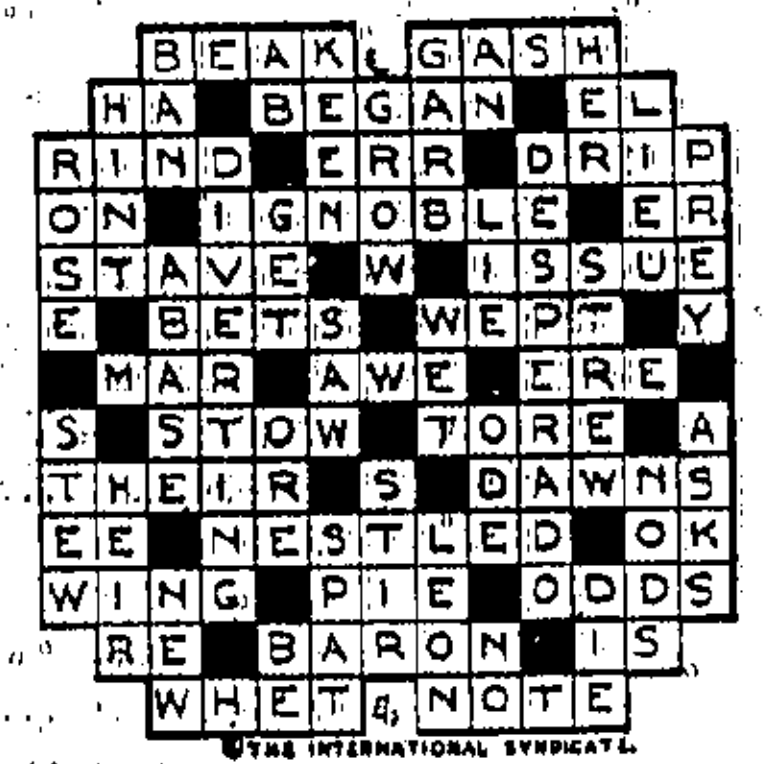
LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
AuctionON
SATURDAY, the 4th Dec., 1926,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.Comprising:—
Teak Hatstands, Teak and Glass
Cabinets, Tapestry Covered Chairs,
Bookcases, Desks, Carpets, Rugs,
Pictures, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Tables, Teak Chairs,
Teak Sideboard with Bevelled
Mirror, Teak Dinner Wagon, Teak
Ice Chest, Dinner Crockery, Kitchen
Tables, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.
Teak, Iron and Brass Bedsteads
with Mattresses, Teak Wardrobes
with and without Mirror, Teak
Dressing Tables with Bevelled Mir-
rors, Teak Chest of Drawers, Side
Table, Teak Chamber Stand, Toilet
Sets, etc., etc.ALSO
A Few Pieces of Blackwood
Furniture.
1 "A.J.S." Motor Cycle—in good
running order.
1 Cabinet Victrola
1 Cottage Piano by M. F.
Rachals & Co.
1 Cottage Piano by John Broad-
wood & Sons.
2 Enamelled Baths.
1 Underwood Typewriter.
1 Winchester Rifle—self loader—
—Model 1910 Calibre 4011 Columbia Gramophone and 45
Records.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View on Day of Sale.
Terms—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.TUESDAY, the 7th Dec., 1926,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.A Large and Fine Assortment
of XMAS TOYS.Comprising:—
Dressed Dolls, Tea Sets, Furni-
ture Sets, Rocking Horse, Mechan-
ical Toys, Drums, Guns, Trum-
pets, Tennis Rackets, Santa Claus
Stockings, Crackers, Children's
Books, etc., etc.
31 Sets of Fancy Handkerchiefs.
On View from Monday, the 6th
December, 1926.
Terms—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 1st Dec., 1926.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on November 1, 1926:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	30'10" B.	5'8" B.
Tytam Byewash	25'6" L.	8'3" B.
Tytam Intermediate	17' A.	Level
Tytam Tuk	6'11" B.	0'8" B.
Wong Neo Chung	14'4" B.	11'6" B.
Pokfulum	13'4" B.	5'4" B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".
A denotes "Above Overflow".]Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	174.58	339.12
Tytam Byewash	35	11.75
Tytam Intermediate	202.06	185.90
Tytam Tuk	1,251.92	1,405.98
Wong Neo Chung	143.56	17.15
Pokfulum	37.32	54.88

Total

Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and de-
cimals of gallons during the month of
October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	255.30	258.89
Estimated Population 305,590		
per day (gallons)	21.0	26.6

Full Supply in all Rider Main Dis-
tricts during October 1925 and 1926.KOWLOON WATERWORKS
LEVEL.Kowloon Gravitation: 5'10" B. 0'1" B.
Shok Lai Pui Reservoir 8'1" B. LevelStorage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	294.48	251.53
Shok Lai Pui Reservoir	88.43	100.80

Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons dur-
ing the month of October.

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.84
Estimated population 152,280		
per day (gallons)	15.8	16.1

Full Supply in all districts during
October 1925 and 1926.The Government Analyst's reports
show that the quality of the water is
satisfactory.Total rainfall to October 31, 1926,
84.27; October 31, 1925, 96.56.

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From Hong Kong.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

SANTOS MARU Sunday, 5th December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th December.

TACOMA MARU Tuesday, 7th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SINGO MARU Saturday, 25th December.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOHMO MARU End of December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.

HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU Friday, 10th December.

MENARA MARU Friday, 24th December.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

HAMBURG MARU (From Kobe) Wednesday, 15th December.

JAPAN PORTS.

HONOLULU MARU Saturday, 11th December.

ATLAS MARU Sunday, 12th December.

SEATTLE MARU Friday, 24th December.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 5th December, 10 a.m.

MINADO MARU Saturday, 11th December.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 2nd December, 8 a.m.

TAKAO and KEELUNG.

SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 24th December.

DAIREN via CHEFOO and TSINGTAU.

CHUKWA MARU Thursday, 9th December.

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M.S. "MALAYA" 8th December

M.S. "JAVAN" 10th January, 1927

M.S. "DANMARK" 20th January

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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHALLOW WATER.

H.K. BOATS DELAYED ON RIVER.

CANTON MUDBANKS.

All three of the river steamboats which left Hong Kong on Monday morning were delayed for several hours through running aground in a shallow part of the Canton River, between Whampoa and Canton.

In previous years boats have occasionally been impeded by mud-banks in the dry (winter) season when the effect of the summer rains has been over.

On Monday, the "Lungshan," "Sai On" and "Kwong Sai" were held up till high water at 6.30 p.m., arriving at Canton about 7.30 p.m.—five hours late.

Yesterday the "Sai On" did not leave Canton till 9.30 a.m. (1½ hours late) on account of the tide. Through late arrival on Monday, the cargoes carried up had to be discharged yesterday morning with great speed.

LEYLAND COMPANY.

REPORTED PURCHASE BY ELLERMANS.

New York, Nov. 30.

The Leyland Line, another subsidiary of the International Mercantile Marine, is reported to have been purchased by the British firm of Ellermans. The price was not divulged. The Vice President of Leylands declines to make a statement.—Reuter's American Service.

HAVRE AS A PORT OF CALL.

WELCOME TO CUNARD LINE.

An attempt is being made still further to develop Havre as a port of call for Atlantic liners, and the efforts of the Cunard Line in this direction have been commemorated by a luncheon given by the port of Havre and the Cunard Company to twenty-five British merchants and business men. Among the guests were the director of the port and M. Herman de Pasquier, president of the Havre Chamber of Commerce.

M. de Pasquier, in the course of a speech, extended a cordial welcome to the Cunard Line on behalf of the port of Havre, and expressed the hope that such commercial intercourse would continue to strengthen the ties between Great Britain and the United States, and France.

Mr. G. A. Goodwin, British Consul at Havre, thanked the port authorities, and, alluding to the recent disaster, he tendered the deep sympathy of all to the families of the unfortunate men who lost their lives, as a result of the sinking of the tug.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:-

Bellerophon (5,714 tons), Brit., from Yokohama, Shanghai, B. & S.—8 tons cargo for H.K., 1,500 tons beyond.

Sinkiang (1,616), Brit., from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—350 tons H.K., 250 tons beyond, 80 passengers.

Carmarthenshire (4,969), Brit., from Yokohama, Shanghai, J. M. & Co.—6,329 tons beyond, 3 passengers.

Pooching (1,423), Brit., from Shanghai, Swatow, J. M. & Co.—885 tons for H.K., 23 passengers.

Truro City (2,903), Brit., from Kossler, Sabang, Bank Line.—7,500 tons beyond.

Oakridge (3,785), Amer., from Portland, Shanghai, Columbia Pacific Co.—550 tons H.K., 2,500 tons beyond.

Hai Hong (1,270), Brit., from Foochow, Swatow, Douglas Co.—350 tons H.K., 209 passengers.

Van Overstraten (2,837), Dutch, from Del, Singapore, J.C.J.L.—600 tons H.K., 100 tons beyond, 1,205 passengers.

Fingal (1,243), Nor., from Keelung, Thoresen & Co.—600 tons H.K., 1,627 tons beyond (all coal).

Muroran Maru (3,251), Jap., from Yokohama, Moji, N.Y.K.—1,025 tons H.K., 4,543 tons beyond.

Hozan Maru (1,373), Jap., from Keelung, Swatow, O.S.K.—850 tons H.K., 170 passengers.

Bandoeng Maru (2,469), Jap., from Sourabaya, Balikpapan, Nanyo Y.K.—415 tons H.K., 4,476 tons beyond, 26 passengers.

Suwa Maru (6,637), Jap., from Middlesborough, Singapore, N.Y.K.—460 tons H.K., 7,628 tons beyond, 206 passengers.

Toyei Maru (1,887), Jap., from Wakamatsu, Sakito, Mitsubishi & Co.—4,624 tons coal H.K.

Mikage Maru No. 8 (2,566), Jap., from Wakamatsu, Yamashita Y.K.—2,982 tons coal H.K.

Ganges Maru (2,787), Jap., from Sourabaya, Sandakan, O.S.K.—46 tons H.K., 4,045 tons beyond, 156 passengers.

Wing Wo (503), Chinese, from Fort Bayard, Macao, Yew Kee—150 tons beyond.

Tong Lee (882), Chinese, from Newchwang, Dairen, Ching Kee—500 tons H.K., 1,000 tons beyond.

Departures.

For Hoihow: Dorry.

For Takao: Ganges Maru.

For Amoy: Yuan Lee, Glen-falloch.

For Saigon: Harvard, Sekkow Maru.

For Canton: Sinkiang, Eigu, Tak Hing.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Sun Kong, Hydrangea.

For Chefoo: Cheng Lee.

For Shanghai: Suwa Maru.

For Singapore: Pyrrhus.

For Swatow: Van Overstraten, Kiangsu, Hopsang, Haiching.

For Keelung: Atago Maru.

For Manila: Hessen.

For Hanko: Haidis.

Clearances.

For Haiphong: Borneo.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Hanol.

For Amoy: Ankang.

For Tourane: Chung Kong.

For Chinwangtao: Hwah Wu.

For Bangkok: Clara Jensen.

For Singapore: Carmarthenshire.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

British	33
American	2
German	1
Panama	1
Japanese	5
Chinese	17
Dutch	6
Portuguese	8
French	1
Danish	1
Norwegian	3

Total 78

80-11-28: departures 21, arrivals 18.

Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt left San Diego, California, on October 15 in the yacht "Four Winds" and with a crew of twenty Chinese, heading for Cuba. It is said that along the San Diego water front Sir Guy has been called "the hermit of the sea." The "Four Winds" contains a glass-domed aviary, special quarters for his bulldog, and a room containing trophies and curios gathered in all parts of the world.

N. Y. K.

THREE VESSELS OF 16,000 TONS TO BE BUILT.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided on the descriptions of three passenger boats to be constructed shortly for its San Francisco service. Two of these to be built at the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding and Engineering Works and one at the Kawasaki Dockyard, both in Kobe. The cost of building is about Y.19,000,000 each and orders are to be placed shortly. With placing of orders, the firm will pay one-fifth of the building cost to the builders. Part of the necessary funds is to be paid out of the firm's reserves and the remaining money raised by debentures. Details of these boats are:-

Gross tonnage	16,000
Deadweight tonnage	8,000
Loading capacity	3,000
Passenger accommodation:	
1st class	200
2nd class	100
3rd class	400
Length overall	560 ft.
Breadth moulded	72
Depth	43
Maximum speed	19
Average speed	(knots) 17
Trips	17 (round trips a year)

"WITHOUT PERMISSION"

For boarding the s.s. "Tilawa" without permission, a coolie was sentenced this morning by the Marine Magistrate (Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.) to a month's hard labour.

His excuse was that he went on the ship, at a passenger's request, to carry some baggage. Inspector Bond informed the Court that all defendant was carrying was a blanket stolen from a passenger!

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STEAMERS SAILINGS 1927.

Steamer	H'Kong	S'hai	Kobe	Yama	Y'arr
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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NELLORE	8,553	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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DEVANHA	8,156	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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NYANZA	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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DEVANHA	8,156	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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DELTA	8,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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BIG AWARD TO H. & S. BANK.

An oral decision granting an award of Tls. 198,583.72 to the Hong Kong-Shanghai Banking Corporation from the firm of L. G. Gillespie and Sons was handed down in the American Court, Shanghai, on Nov. 19 by Judge Milton D. Purdy following the conclusion of three days of testimony and legal argument.

According to testimony submitted by the numerous witnesses and documentary evidence introduced as exhibits in the case, Mr. Hunter Mann, acting under power of attorney from the Gillespie Company, sent the steamer "Mei Ren," owned by the American West China Navigation Company (of which the Gillespie Company are agents) to the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works in Shanghai for repairs. A mortgage of the vessel was given at that time, and later Mr. Mann, as agent for the Gillespies, on April 3, 1923, guaranteed the payment of Tls. 190,000 to the bank on the assigned mortgage.

In the bank's petition to the court, the matter was thusly presented:

"That by contract in writing, dated December 30, 1922, made between the American West China Navigation Co., the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, all right and title to the 'Mei Ren' was assigned to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. At the date of the transfer the principal amount due under the said mortgage was Tls. 190,000 which the American West China Navigation Co. agreed to repay plaintiffs within a period of 90 days together with interest. Plaintiff has made demand upon the defendant for repayment but defendant has refused to pay same."

The Gillespie Company, in their answer, sought to prove that the guarantee was executed and delivered to the bank by Mr. Mann without the knowledge or consent of the defendant, and that he had no right, power or authority to execute such a document, that the deed of guarantee made between the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Company, Ltd., and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, according to its own terms terminated automatically 90 days after it was drawn up which was prior to the execution of the guarantee executed by Hunter Mann on April 3, 1923, and that the guarantee was thus null and void.

In his decision, Judge Purdy ruled that the terms of Mr. Mann's power of attorney were sufficient to cover the signing of the guarantee.

ARMS SEIZURE.

PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION ON GERMAN VESSEL.

The "Straits Times" of November 13 reports:—

A large number of automatic pistols and a quantity of ammunition were discovered by the Harbour Board Police yesterday, on the "Minado," a German vessel.

About 1.30 p.m. Superintendent A. V. Cockle, Inspector Sweney, and a party of police boarded the vessel, which was lying in Empire Dock. About 30 automatic pistols and about 7,000 rounds of ammunition were discovered, in the ventilators and elsewhere. About 6 o'clock in the evening another visit was paid and several more pistols were seized.

The ship has just arrived from Europe and the pistols were of Belgian manufacture. No arrests have been made.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

FILIPINO PASSENGER JUMPS INTO SEA.

A Filipino passenger on the Dollar Line, which docked in Shanghai on Nov. 20, attempted to commit suicide in Kobe waters.

The ship is carrying a large number of Filipinos to Manila, and in Kobe one of them tried to drown himself by jumping from the rail. The ship's engines were immediately reversed and a boat's crew lowered. When brought up on deck the Filipino appeared to be quite disgusted with the failure of his attempt.

He was put in the ship's "brig" and will be confined there until the ship arrives in Manila.—"Shanghai Times."

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Straits and Calcutta	FOOSHING	Sat., 4th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow	FOOSHING	Tues., 7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	SUISANG	Tues., 7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HISANG	Tues., 7th Dec., at 2 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Wed., 8th Dec., at Noon.
Kobe	HOSANG	Thurs., 9th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Thurs., 9th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	KWONGSANG	Tues., 14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
Kobe	KUMSANG	Sat., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Mon., 20th Dec., at Noon.
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DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed for Japan per s.s. "Suwa Maru" on November 30:—

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KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 1st January.
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ASUKA MARU	Wednesday, 12th January.
BURNON AIRES via Shuapora, Durban & Cape Town.	
KAWACHI MARU	Sunday, 26th December.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	
SADO MARU	Saturday, 11th December.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
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AKI MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
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HOSPITAL FEES.

The correspondence published by the Government on the question of hospital fees is not convincing. It does not establish a bona fide case for the raising of these fees at this particular juncture of the Colony's history—after eighteen months' trade depression and at a period when the fall in exchange is causing an increase in the cost of living. The mere delegation of the discretion to the Principal Civil Medical Officer alone to waive the extra fees does not support the arguments submitted either by the Government or the British Medical Association under existing circumstances. Times were much better, between 1920 and March, 1925, during which the major portion of the official discussion was carried on here and at Home. And still, the then Governor of the Colony rejected the case as made out by local medical practitioners and on their behalf—by the British Medical Association. Indeed the then Governor appears to have given the B.M.A. a Roland for its Oliver in suggesting that its proposed system of charging fees could not operate unless Government medical officers were allowed the right of private practice—the adoption of which principle would create competition and therefore "reduce the very high fees charged by private practitioners here." Naturally—as Sir Reginald Stubbs pointed out—the adoption of such a principle would not be

regarded as satisfactory by the existing medical firms.

Then came the change of Governors and a change of view! Sir Cecil Clementi's contribution to the controversy is contained in the following paragraph:—

After consultation with the Principal Civil Medical Officer I have come to the conclusion that there is force in the contention of the British Medical Association that private medical practitioners in this Colony are subjected to unfair competition in that a person would ordinarily prefer to enter a hospital, such as a Government hospital, where charges for maintenance only and not for medical treatment could be made rather than a private hospital where charges both for maintenance and for medical treatment by a private medical practitioner would be made.

That is no argument at all for raising hospital fees at the present juncture. Apparently the person who is already hard hit financially by trade depression extending over eighteen months and by the low rate of exchange is to be kicked down further when he is unfortunate enough to fall sick. The state of his finances may fall to zero by the time he has recovered and he is presented with his hospital bill. The only remedy he has is to go to the P.C.M.O., "salam" three times, disclose the nakedness of his purse—and await the verdict of the P.C.M.O. whether the extra fees shall be waived as a charity or a dose!

It has been pointed out before that it is unfair to the P.C.M.O. to saddle him with this sole responsibility of waiving extra fees. Why should his valuable time be taken up with holding private courts of enquiry to ascertain whether or not a patient can pay the full pound of flesh demanded?

Moreover, an outsider reading the references in the official correspondence to Government hospitals and private hospitals would imagine that private hospitals are as common as, say, boarding houses—that on private hospitals medical practitioners depend for the great proportion of their livelihood. Outside certain hospitals maintained for charitable purposes there exist only the French Hospital and the Matilda Hospital. Where comes

then, the cry of unfair competition of Government hospitals with medical practitioners? Were the Colony to be honeycombed with private hospitals and nursing homes run by medical practitioners Government hospital competition might be admitted.

In any event all the arguments submitted either by the local medical practitioners, the British Medical Association, or the present Governor utterly fail to justify the raising of hospital fees at this poverty-stricken stage in local affairs. The mere fact that two successive Governors disagreed within a short period of seven months suggests that, at the very least, any raising of fees could well have been deferred to brighter times. None of the private medical practitioners would have found themselves in the Bankruptcy Court.

Hong Kong and Kowloon.

There is such a thing as letting well alone. Those who set themselves to have the spelling of the Colony's name altered from Hongkong to Hong Kong might have kept that in mind. Simply for the sake of making a pedant's point they have caused the community a lot of needless irritation—to be compelled to use an obsolete and unwieldy spelling at this time of the day can hardly be considered anything else but annoying. Moreover, besides usage and convenience, there is historical title to support the old spelling. As Mr. J. Orange, a former resident of Hong Kong has pointed out in the "China Express and Telegraph," the proclamation published on June 29, 1843, fixed the name of the Colony as "Hongkong" (not Hong Kong as previously used) and the name of the city as "Victoria." The obvious question that arises from the change back to Hong Kong has been asked by "The Mercantile Guardian": will the Colonial Office write Shanghai, Can Ton etc.? These names are also spelt with two Chinese characters, and the Colonial Office, if it is to be logical at all must make two words of them. To reply, as the Colonial Office has done in the case of Kowloon, that there is no need to change the spelling as the name has always been spelt as one word, is altogether too childish. If Kowloon is not to be spelt as two words, there can be no earthly good in spelling Hong Kong as two words. Both names require two Chinese characters. Let them both be spelt the same way—and let that way be the obvious, sensible way.

OBITUARY.

MRS. W. R. HILLYER.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Hilmyer (nee Violet Bamsey), wife of Mr. W. R. Hilmyer, Assistant Boarding Officer at the Harbour Office, which occurred at Eastbourne on Sunday whilst the young couple were on home leave. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to the bereaved husband and to her mother and step-father (Mr. and Mrs. Taylor).

Mr. G. F. Taylor is well-known locally in connection with his position of Officer in Charge of Green Island and Sub-Inspector of Lighthouses, also in connection with the active support he has given the local Radio Society.

Mrs. Hilmyer's death followed the birth of a son.

R. S. P. C. A.

INSPECTION WORK DURING NOVEMBER.

The report of the work of the staff of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals during November indicates that inspection has been made into the condition of large numbers of animals in course of transport, and that constant visits have been made to markets, dealers' shops, ferries, etc. Sixteen "ignorant cruelty" cases are reported to have been corrected.

Twenty-six dogs were received in the Home during the month, eight of these being claimed, two sold, three died and twelve destroyed.

The animals into whose conditions whilst in transit, on display, etc., include, in addition to common varieties, fourteen monkeys, thirteen baskets of frogs, eight baskets of snakes, a lynx and an armadillo.

CHINA'S CURSE.

War Ruining the Country.

MR. STRAWN'S VIEWS.

Trouble Not Due to "Unequal Treaties."

In his first public address descriptive of conditions in China, Mr. Silas H. Strawn, well-known Chicago lawyer, has given the people of the United States a graphic word picture of the situation in that troubled Far Eastern Republic. He visited the Orient recently as a delegate to the special conference on Chinese customs tariffs and as chairman of the International Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China. His opportunity for close observation makes it possible for him to appraise comprehensively conditions regarding which there has been in America and elsewhere, much controversial discussion.

Solution of the Trouble.

With commendable incisiveness and directness Mr. Strawn summarizes his views and conclusions by declaring that the solution of China's troubles lies, not in the elimination or abrogation of unequal treaties, not in ridding the country of oppressive imperialism, not in discontinuing the present policy of extraterritoriality or in establishing a system of tariff autonomy, but in ridding itself of the burden imposed upon industry and commerce by war lords prompted by greed and a desire for aggrandisement. Their campaign, he declares, is rapidly reducing a nation of great potentialities to impotence and misery.

Mr. Strawn reiterated a fact established: that China to-day has no effective organization bearing the semblance of a stable government. Everything, in politics, in the administration of provincial laws, and in the construction and interpretation of treaty rights except as these are defended in the courts having extraterritorial jurisdiction and authority, is directed and controlled by the dominating war lords. He expresses the belief that lack of communication, the supremacy of these avaricious generals; the endless series of manufactured motives to foment civil wars, with the Treasury of the Central Government at stake; outrageously high taxes levied upon merchants, all combine as elements which work against the possibility of any immediate formulation of a fixed policy with regard to China.

Duping the Masses.

While existing conditions of illiteracy among the provincial Chinese people may not render them, insensible or unpatriotic, the speaker points to the fact that approximately 97 per cent. of the population can neither read nor write their own language as indicating the ease with which they can be misled and imposed upon by designing conspirators and greedy militarists. Inhabited by a fourth of the people of the world, China has but 7,000 miles of railroads, now rapidly deteriorating and all controlled by the military, with no attention being given to maintenance or equipment. There are few highways worthy of the name, and but 8,000 motorcars in the entire country.

The tariff conference to which Mr. Strawn went as a delegate was called pursuant to a treaty made at the Washington Conference of 1921. Its purpose was to devise means by which Chinese maritime customs tariffs might be increased, and to pave the way for the abolition of Likin, a system of internal taxation whereby local Chinese officials levy taxes on goods moving across provincial boundaries and over arbitrarily established barriers within the provinces.

The First Step.

Until the result of the commission's consideration of the extraterritoriality problem is made known in its formal report to the State Department in Washington, its views upon that subject are withheld. But it is reasonable to assume that the chaotic conditions described will be regarded as presenting as formidable a barrier to any binding agreement which would abolish the right of extraterritoriality now somewhat grudgingly conceded to foreigners "as to the formulation of any satisfactory treaty establishing new tariff schedules.

Eloquent and persuasive Chinese statesmen and scholars who pleaded the cause of absolute Chinese autonomy at the sessions of the Willamstown Institute of Politics last summer insisted that about all that remained for Europe and the United States to do was to concede tariff autonomy and abolish the extraterritorial courts. American students of Chinese affairs who claimed to possess knowledge gained by intimate contact as convincingly contended that the real

WHY THE APPEAL.

AIMS OF "ST. VINCENT DE PAUL."

"ROSE DAY" EXPLAINED.

The near approach of the annual Bazaar of the St. Vincent de Paul Society tends to raise the question—What is this Society which appeals so forcibly for support; what is its scope, and what work is it doing?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Society of men in all countries associated together for mutual encouragement in the practice of a Christian life. It is not a Benevolent Society aiming only at relief of distress but a Society which has a two-fold aim, the up-lifting of the poor on the one hand—morally and spiritually—and the sanctification of its members through visitation of the poor.

With this object in view, they try to be friends of the poor, visiting and relieving them in distress—distributing wholesome reading, giving such kinds of help as may be most required.

What Members Do.

They take a great interest in the children of the poor and their Education. They assist in the conduct of their clubs and obtain suitable situation for them when they leave schools.

Many other works are undertaken by the Society, varying according to circumstances. It is a primary rule that no work of charity is foreign to the Society.

Members are either active or honorary. An active member need not do more than attend the Conference meeting at which there is a voluntary and strictly secret collection, and visit one poor family. As this need not occupy more than an hour a week, so, no great demand is made upon his time, while he may easily find full employment for an amount of leisure and charitable zeal.

A "Social" Institution.

Honorary members incur no obligation but the contribution of a fixed sum annually or otherwise to the Society's funds, the amount being optional and no minimum fixed.

In the best sense of the word the Society is a "social" institution, for while it visits the poor whenever there is need, irrespective of class, nationality or creed, its membership is open to all classes of Catholics alike, no distinction of class being permitted in its conferences.

The Society is entirely non-political, and open to co-operate with any charitable Societies, whether Catholic or not, for the better care of the poor.

Such is the Society and such its aims and principles, which will to-morrow be appealing for support in its annual street Sale of Roses from all sections of the community.—Contributed.

Further Donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the al fresco Fete on Dec. 5:—

Mrs. J. M. Alvey, ... \$100
Cok and Mrs. Comyn 30
Kwong Sang Hong — toilet articles, British-American Tobacco Co.—4,000 cigarettes, Mrs. Everest and Mrs. O'Donoghue—useful articles for the souvenir stall.

OFFICIAL CHANGES.

MR. McELDERRY TO LEAVE FOR HOME.

A CHANGE FOR MR. TRATMAN?

The Assistant Colonial Secretary, Mr. S. B. McElderry, will be proceeding Home by the s.s. "Macedonia" on December 11. Mr. McElderry was due for leave shortly, but the time of departure has been brought forward on account of ill-health.

Mr. McElderry is a hard working and popular official, and he will leave with the best wishes of a wide circle of friends that he may return to health during his ten months of absence from the Colony.

Official approval has not yet been given to the appointment of a successor to Mr. McElderry, but it is understood that Mr. D. W. Tratman is to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and that the duties of Official Receiver will be resumed by Mr. Agassiz.

difficulties are those which Mr. Strawn describes. They and he quite naturally agree that the first necessary step is the establishment, by some means, of an effective stable government in China. It does not yet appear how or when this will be accomplished.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

Last Night's Brilliant Scene.

DRESSES OF THE LADIES.

The Chieftain On-Auld Lang Syne.

Once again the City Hall last night was filled by local Scotsmen and their guests for the chief event of the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day—the Caledonian Ball.

Few who attended last night's brilliant function will doubt that this year's celebration was one of the most successful in the history of the St. Andrew's Society of Hong Kong. The success of this year's event was, of course, considerably enhanced by the fact that the Regiment at present doing garrison duty in the Colony hails from North of Tweed—the 2nd Batt., the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The lavish decorations of the City Hall and the adjoining Theatre were fully described in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail" and it only remains to be said that everything went with a swing and that nothing was lacking as regards the pleasure of the gay throng.

Magnificent Gowns.

Judging from some of the magnificent gowns worn by the leading ladies at last night's function, one would imagine that Paris was as near to Hong Kong as it is to London, for undoubtedly a large number of the beautiful gowns to be seen last night bore the hall mark of the French capital.

In the limited space of a newspaper report, it is difficult to discriminate. One was struck with the predominance of black among the elder ladies. Black and gold, black and silver, black and white, black and steel were much in evidence. Among the younger ladies, jade green was conspicuous, whilst Persian, Egyptian and Chinese embroideries were introduced with pleasing effect in many cases. Ostrich, feather, beaver, skunk and ermine trimmings were favoured by a few, but the majority of ladies chose gowns cut on strictly straight lines, with few trimmings.

The Dance Programme.

A very full programme of dances, including the Scottish reels was participated in by a large section of the assembly, and continued to an early hour this morning. The programme was as follows:—

Extra Waltz, Moonlight and Roses; Lancers, Amelia; Fox Trot, Any Ice to-day Lady; Caledonians; Caledonians; Fox Trot, Roll 'em Girls; Eightsome Reel, De'il among the Tailors, Jack Wilson's Ball and Black Haird Laddie; Waltz, Night of Love; Exhibition Dance Argyll Broadsword, Madeline Sinclair; Strathspey and Reel, De'il in the Kitchen and Miss McLeod of Rassay; Fox Trot Under the Ukelele Tree; Fox Trot, Cecilia; Waltz, All Alone; Fox Trot, Dinah; Fox Trot, Spanish Shawl; Caledonians; Caledonians; Fox Trot, Lonesome And Sorry; Highland Schottische, Sterling Castle, Brechin Castle, and Loudon's Bonnie Woods; and Braes; Fox Trot, Oh, Miss Hannah; Eightsome Reel, De'il among the Tailors, Jack Wilson's Ball and Black Haird Laddie; Fox Trot, Deep Henderson; Strathspey and Reel, Miss Drummond of Perth and Sleepy Maggie; Waltz, Serenade; Extra One Step, Valencia.

Ball Opened.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), arrived promptly at 9.30, being received by the Chieftain, Mr. R. M. Dyer and members of the Committee. This party was formally piped into the great hall by the pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. His Excellency and the Chieftain taking their seats on the tartan-covered dais under the portrait of the Queen, the Ball was then officially opened with a set of lancers, the sets being made up as follows:—

President's set: Lady Clementi and the President of the Society, Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Col. Russell Brown, Lady Pollock and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. Sutherland and Admiral A. J. B. Stirling. Vice-President's set: Mrs. Russell Brown and the Vice-President, Mrs. Templeton and Mr. R. Sutherland, Mrs. Southern and Mr. G. M. Young, Mrs. Black and Sir Henry Pollock.

The Supper.

Supper, which was served in the Theatre Royal, followed the eighth dance. The Haggis was played in with the usual honours, and a few minutes later Mr. R. O. Sutherland read the Chieftain's telegram to brother Scots of other St. Andrew's Societies. Mr. Sutherland then read the following messages which had been

received during the course of the day:—

"Dyer, Hail Chief! Gie the Sassenachs a stroke a hole the night and a liekin! Am wi ye, Kennedy, Manila."

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots, Gibson, Batavia."

"Brither Scots and hearty greetings, Fraser, Singapore."

"Tientsin Scots and greetings, Walker."

"Scotland for ever, Shameen."

"Brither Scots wish ye well, Taylor, Tsingtau."

"We're a noddin', Kay, Chefoo."

"Brither Scots send greetings, Amoy."

"Best wishes to ye, Tamson, Adentawahl."

"Scots greet brither Scots, Bangkok."

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots, Stewart, Tokyo and Yokohama."

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots, Williamson, Manila."

"Greetings from Cebu Scots."

"Greetings from Taipei Scots."

"Peking St. Andrew's Society send cordial greetings, Johnstone."

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots, Owens, Kobe."

"Warmest thoughts, Ross, Edinburgh."

"Heartiest greetings from Penang Scots."

"Greetings from Rangoon."

"Brither Scots send greetings, Hilo."

"Heartiest greetings frae brither Scots, Bavor, Sandakan."

"Shanghai Scots greet you all, Machintyre."

"Heartiest greetings frae Malacca, Marshall."

"Heartiest greetings frae Scots in Perak, Waugh, Scott."

"Brither Scots at Seremban send greetings, Gilchrist."

The Chieftain then proposed the "Immortal Memory" in a short speech, going forward to the footlights proceeded by a piper.

He said:

Stopping towards the footlights, and accompanied by a piper, the Chieftain addressed the Company as follows:—

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have the honour on behalf of the Members of St. Andrew's Society to welcome our guests this evening. A great deal of water has passed under many bridges since this same day of November eight years ago that I last had the honour to greet you if I remember rightly on that occasion I asked those present in as many words as I could command to thank God for Scotland and all that she and her sons and daughters had done for us. This spirit of pride and gratitude to our country will always prevail where people of the Scottish race are together and, the gathering to-night is one of its outward evidences. (Applause.)

In an endeavour to beautify this old town hall our Master Decorator has been good enough to paint some pictures of Glasgow, and by some strange chance he has chosen as the background of the stage the college at Gilmorhill. I am sure I do not require to make any apology, for this, because there must be many among you whose forefathers in the past centuries, clad in the red gown of the undergraduate in a cold winter morning have clattered over the plainstanes of the Trongate and Gallowgate and hastened up the High Street to the old seat of learning when the college bell summoned them to their eight o'clock class. Furthermore there must be some here whose near relations and probably descendants are at this present moment in a more lordly fashion sauntering down the slopes at Gilmorhill.

The Bag of Oatmeal.

These were hard days in the old times when the student had for the greater part of the session to subsist on the bag of oatmeal which after the New Year was given out to him on the first Monday after the last Friday of each month. Nevertheless, these seemed to survive, and many a raw lad who left his native village to study the arts in the grey city was thankful for being led to "The Way The Truth and the Life," the elementary philosophy of which taught him to look straight before him and led to success in any career he was called to.

Having viewed the seat of learning I am sorry we have not got a picture of the jail, because those of you who are students of Sir Walter Scott will remember how Bailie Nicol Jarvie in an historic interview in the Tolbooth Prison with Rob Roy decided he could not hang him for the sake of Auld Lang Syne.

Auld Lang Syne.

Might I commend those three words from the Scottish National Anthem to all of you who find yourselves in the difficult position of having to make the peace with an ancient enemy or an old friend. You will find them very helpful.

As a low-land Scot on the near hand and one who is better acquainted with the cities than the country side I will not venture to

MR. HORACE LO.

ADMITTED AS SOLICITOR TO-DAY.

JUDGE'S WELCOME.

The Hon. the Attorney-General moved in the Supreme Court this morning for the approval, admission and enrolment of Mr. Horace Lo as solicitor.

Mr. Horace Lo is a brother of Messrs. M. K. and M. W. Lo, whom he now joins.

He was educated in Queen's College, and whilst there he obtained the "Junior Morrison."

"Ho Fook," and the "Senior Morrison" scholarships, the latter being of course the most coveted prize. He left Queen's College in 1918 when he matriculated, and went to the Hong Kong University where he studied in the Arts Faculty for two years.

He was articled to Mr. M. K. Lo in November 1921—just five years ago. He went to England on January 30, 1924, and while there, he attended the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo's London Agents Messrs. Darby Cumberland and Co., and went through a course of legal studies with the well-known firm of law co-operators, Messrs. Gibson and Weldon. He returned to the Colony in September 1925.

In making the application, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General, said that Mr. Horace Lo had been articled to his brother, Mr. M. K. Lo who, as was well known, had had a distinguished career in passing his legal education. Mr. Horace Lo had passed the solicitors' official examination in Hong Kong and the usual affidavit had been filed.

In granting the application, Sir Henry Gollan extended a welcome to Mr. Lo and hoped that his career would be a successful one.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI'S VISIT YESTERDAY.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, paid a visit to the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday morning and inspected the new grounds and buildings.

At the end of the visit the school assembled in the hall and the headmaster, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, welcomed His Excellency and thanked the Government for the fine site of 2½ acres which had been given for educational purposes.

His Excellency replied, expressing his pleasure at the visit and announcing a full day's holiday for the school. The Senior Prefect thanked the Governor for his speech and the holiday, and called for three cheers, which were given lustily.

After seeing the register, which dates back to 1870 and a minute book dating back to 1866, His Excellency and the Director of Education signed the visitors' book.

He then spoke to you to-night of the hills, the bens, the lochs and the rivers and the lassies of our country. I know full well you are all aching to see them and that presently you wish to get on with the dance so I will just wish you all again a very pleasant evening. (Applause.)

The supper was then brought to a close, the party returning to the Ball Room to the notes of pipers on the second floor landing.

Chieftain's Party.

Before proceeding to the ball the Chieftain gave a dinner party at the Hong Kong Hotel at which the following were present, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Russell Brown, Admiral Sir E. S. Alexander-Sinclair and Mrs. Dyer, Admiral A. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mrs. Black, Col. C. Russell Brown and Mrs. Southern, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Comyn, Major Roberts and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. R. M. Austin, Dr. D. G. R. Black and Mrs. Chater, Mr. G. M. Young and Mrs. Birkett, Mr. R. M. Austin and Mrs. Cameron, Surg. Captain Chater and Mrs. Bagram, Commander Boddan-Bhitham, and Mrs. Green, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. Tod, Capt. Johnston and Miss Sutherland, Mr. A. Cameron and Miss Clarke, Col. Comyn and Miss Bewlay, Capt. D. C. Logan and Miss Thornhill, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Miss Mahony, Mr. P. Tod and Miss Birkett, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. C. Colin Scott, Lt. R. A. Chisdon, Col. T. A. Robertson and Flag Lt. Dargendoid.

Wreath on Cenotaph.

As in previous years, the Chieftain and Committee of the Society visited the Cenotaph earlier in the day where Mr. Dyer laid a wreath in memory of Scotsmen who fell in the Great War.

THE WRONG MAN?

A MIX-UP AT THE POLICE COURT.

"PUSHED INTO DOCK."

What is believed to be a case of the mixing up of two Chinese—a bailie and bailor—caused some amusement in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning when three Chinese were charged with causing an obstruction on the Praya.

Two charges were involved, and when that against the first defendant was called, the man strongly denied having been arrested on the Praya, informing His Worship that he went to the Police Station on receipt of a telephone message to bail out two foks. Upon arrival at the Police Station he was pushed into the dock and charged. He travelled to the Station by tram-car.

An Indian sergeant said that such was not the case—he himself having arrested the man and taken him to the Station.

Divisional Inspector P. Grant said that there had possibly been a "mix up" with another case.

A case against two foks, said to be employed by the other defendant, was then called.

The Indian sergeant then informed His Worship that a fourth man had bailed out all three of the defendants. (Mr. Lindsell thereupon asked for the bail book and observed that each defendant had signed the book for himself.)

Insp. Grant asked for a remand in order that the European sergeant on duty might be called and the Magistrate, fining the second and third defendants \$5 each, adjourned the case against the first until to-morrow.

KOWLOON PARKS.

NECESSITY REALISED BY BOARD.

KOWLOON TONG NEED.

The need for parks and open spaces in Kowloon was referred to at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, the matter arising out of the question put by Mr. J. P. Braga as to the intention with regard to the possible provision of a Park for the growing requirements of Kowloon Tong.

The Chairman, Mr. N. L. Smith, said that the necessity for parks and open spaces on the peninsula had been carefully considered by the Town Planning Committee some four years ago and a large area in close proximity to Kowloon Tong had been provisionally reserved for this purpose.

New Markets.

With regard to Mr. Braga's suggestion that the Government should consider the advisability of providing a small market to supply the needs of the population of Kowloon Tong and with a view to developing it into a larger residential area, the Chairman stated that it had been usual for the Board to recommend in connection with the annual estimates the places where new markets might, in the Board's opinion, be erected. The Government would give full consideration to the Board's recommendations in this respect.

Fresh Fruit Restrictions.

Arising out of a minute by the President, a resolution was moved and seconded that "in the opinion of the Board there is no necessity for special food licences under section 78 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance to be taken out for fresh fruit forming part of a meal in restaurants or eating houses."

Regarding provision of additional latrine accommodation in King's Park, Kowloon, the Chairman said that the matter was deferred some months ago until the necessary money should be available. He now proposed a resolution that in the opinion of the Board, additional public latrine accommodation was required at King's Park, Kowloon, near the football grounds and also near the Gascoigne Road entrance.

This was seconded and carried. Those present at the meeting in addition to the Chairman were Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Col. Boylan Smith, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. Pope (Acting M.O.H.), Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Acting Secretary) and Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

\$500 OPIUM FINE.

Describing himself as a cook employed by Californian merchants, a Chinese charged before Mr. Lindsell with being in possession of illicit opium, was fined \$500 or four months.

DROP IT QUICK!

A FIGHT WITH A PEN-KNIFE.

THREE BROTHERS INVOLVED.

Charged with stabbing his brother with a pen-knife at Deep Water Bay, a Chinese appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant pleaded that what had occurred was an accident—he happened to have a knife in his hand when a younger brother pushed him.

To the Magistrate: Yes, we had a quarrel.

Complainant in the witness-box said that he was a fisherman at Deep Water Bay. Defendant was his elder brother. On November 19, a dispute arose over some money and defendant seized him and threw him on the ground. When he got up he found that he was bleeding profusely from the back. He did not know how it had happened.

A younger brother was then called. Witness stated that he saw his two brothers having a dispute which developed into a fight and tried to intervene. Defendant struck the first blow.

His Worship: I am satisfied that this was no accident. In view of the fact that you are all brothers and that the defendant has been in custody for over a fortnight, I propose to punish him no further. (To the defendant): You will sign a personal bond to keep the peace for six months and the next time you want to quarrel with your brother and have a knife in your hand, you had better drop it quick.

\$3 OR YOUR LIFE!

YOUTH TELLS A STRANGE STORY.

THREATS AND A TEA SHOP.

A strange story of an alleged assault, followed by an attempt to extort \$3 from a small Chinese boy by means of threats, occupied the attention of Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when two Chinese were charged with demanding money by menace.

Complainant, a somewhat diminutive figure in the witness box, told His Worship that on Sunday last, when walking outside, the Chinese X.M.C.A., he saw two men fighting. The younger of the two men appeared to be getting the worst of the fight and witness tried to intervene. He was chased home and told that unless he got someone to pay them compensation for his interference, he would be killed.

Witness saw the two defendants again that evening when the threat was repeated, and witness agreed to try and get \$3 which, it was arranged, he would pay over to the second defendant at a certain tea shop the following morning. Upon that occasion the second defendant pushed and kicked the witness.

Matter Reported.

Witness reported the matter to a district watchman who was a customer at his mother's shop. He was taken to the Secretariat for Chinese affairs. The following day he was given three dollars and, accompanied by a plain clothes detective he kept the appointment at the tea shop. Both defendants were found drinking tea and witness handed over the money.

(Case proceeding.)

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 1—Queen's Theatre; "The Alaskan".

December 1—World Theatre; "The Iron Horse".

December 1—Star Theatre; "Changing Husbands".

December 1—Hong Kong Hotel tea dance 4.30 p.m.

December 1—King Edward Hotel tea dance 4.30 p.m.

December 11—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

December 10, 11, 12, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

Sport.

December 4—Theatre Royal; Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., 9.15 p.m.

Auctions.

December 4—Valuable furniture, etc., at Messrs. Lammett Bros. Sales Room, 11 a.m.

December 7—Xmas toys, etc., at Messrs. Lammett Bros. Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

December 5—Forty-third All-Fresco Fête of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral, 8.30 p.m.

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A party of 23 recruits engaged
in Hsuehchow, arrived in Shanghai
on November 17 to join Marshal
Sun Chuan-fang's army.

The arrival of M. Tchichev
at Paris will coincide with the res-
umption of Franco-Soviet negotia-
tions for the settlement of debts.

Owing to the British coal
strike, the transportation of coal
has brought the railways of the
Reich a profit of a hundred million
marks.

The Government of the Reich
will refuse military control by the
League of Nations on the ground
that it exceeds the provisions of
the Treaty of Versailles.

The Kirin Government has pro-
hibited the import of saltpetre and
brimstone into Harbin and else-
where with the object of mono-
polising the trade. A new office
has been founded for the purpose.

Mr. S. Fessenden, Chairman
of the Shanghai Municipal Coun-
cil, has transmitted to the Senior
Consul a letter protesting against
the attempts illegally to collect
a tobacco tax in the Settlement
made by representatives of the
local Chinese authorities.

According to investigation, the
total number of households in Seoul
at the end of last month was 73,857,
comprising 24,369 Japanese, 48,350
Korean, 963 Chinese, and 173 for-
eign, showing a decrease of 73 as
against the previous month. The
unoccupied houses at the end of
last month numbered 701 showing
a little increase on the previous
month.

A lottery tax, collected in ad-
vance, will probably provide the
funds needed to pay the wages of
the Wosung and Shanghai Con-
stabulary. According to the Chi-
nese newspapers, Colonel Yan
Chungyang, Chief of the Chinese
Police, called a conference of his
officers on November 27 and an-
nounced this method of raising pay
for the men.

A Shanghai paper said of the
"Ryndam" passengers:—With
breath-taking audacity the stu-
dents overran Shanghai and
astonished many staid and sedate
Shanghai residents with their
ultra-modern clothes and the
beards that many of the youths
on the vessel are attempting to
grow during the sojourn away
from home.

An amah working at No. 11,
Caine Road has been robbed of pro-
perty worth \$50.

Toys for the festive season, in
a large and fine assortment, will
be sold by Messrs. Lammert Bros.
at their Duddell Street auction
rooms at 2.30 p.m. next Tuesday.

On Monday, two fresh cases of
enteric fever (typhoid) and one of
cerebro-spinal fever were notified.
On Tuesday there were two more
cases of typhoid. All patients are
Chinese from the city district.

For driving without the neces-
sary licence and for having in-
sufficient brakes on a motor car, a
Chinese was fined \$6 and \$15 by
Major C. Willson at the Central
Magistracy yesterday.

Charged as the proprietor of a
"po' pia" lottery establishment, a
Chinese was found guilty and fined
\$50 by Major Willson yesterday. A
further fine of \$15 was imposed as
a penalty for possession of lottery
tickets.

Our Peking correspondent
writes: Sir Ronald Macleay, Bri-
tish Minister to China who is soon
to retire, in a speech before the
Anglo-American Club at aiffin
given in his honour as a farewell
function, declared that "there are
bad times ahead here," and urged
that Britain and America stand
shoulder to shoulder to meet the
oncoming tide of Chinese nation-
alism.

For convenience and closer
co-operation with the Police, the
Yanantai district watchmen's quar-
ters at No. 475, Nathan Road, ad-
joining the Police Station. The dis-
trict watchmen are under the con-
trol of the Secretary for Chinese
Affairs to assist the Police
generally in preserving order.
Other detachments are stationed at
Taipingshan (central), West Point
and Wanchai.

A Shanghai student who went
to Hangchow some weeks ago, and
was arrested by the military au-
thorities for his alleged participa-
tion in the attempted Chékang re-
bellion, has been executed in
Hankow according to Chinese re-
ports. It is known in Shanghai
that a number of well-known Chi-
nese made special appeals to Mar-
shal Sun on the youth's behalf,
pointing out that he was young and
hot-headed.

"Have you any witnesses?" a
litigant in one of the Shanghai Bri-
tish Courts was asked. "No, only
a policeman," was the reply.

A Chinese lawyers' club has
been initiated in Shanghai, accord-
ing to reports in the Chinese
press. Twenty lawyers now have
joined and membership will be
limited to members of the bar only.

The Shanghai Municipal police
are looking for a Chinese clerk
formerly employed by a native
bank, who by falsifying accounts,
in three weeks succeeded in amas-
sing the sum of \$52,000 and get-
ting away with it.

According to information from
Peking, a student of the Women's
Normal University was killed on
the morning of November 21, and
another severely wounded in a fire
which threatened the university
hostel. The fire was started
through the carelessness of a stu-
dent who was using an alcohol
lamp for curling her hair.

THEOSOPHY

"The Law of Sacrifice"

will be the subject of this week's
PUBLIC LECTURE of the Hong
Kong Lodge The THEOSOPHICAL
SOCIETY, 7, Duddell Street, on
THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER,
at 6 P.M. The Public is cordially
invited to attend.

The law offices of Mr. Stirling
Fessenden, Chairman of the Shang-
hai Municipal Council, were enter-
ed on the night of November 26
by several men, and about \$1,000
stolen. The police on the pre-
mises, said that he had been
awakened by three masked men,
who had bound and gagged him,
after which they took the office keys
from him.

The result of the first day of
the trial of the leaders of the
strike in the machinery industry
in Sourabaya ended in a surprise
for many, says the "Singapore
Free Press" correspondent. After
the witnesses had been heard the
Court conferred in private where-
after the president informed the
prisoners that they were dis-
charged from custody. As can
be imagined this statement caused
considerable sensation amongst
the public and the prisoners were
welcomed by their joyful relations
outside the Court. The hearing
of the case was postponed until
the 18th inst.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Countess van Limburg Stirum,
wife of the former Governor-
General, is to visit Java shortly.

Mr. Justice Sankey has been
elected a member of the Council of
Keeble College Oxford, in succession
to Lord Irwin.

Monsieur J. P. Farrer, owner
and editor of the "Echo de Tien-
tsin" has left for France on a
business trip and expects to return
in April.

Mr. Ewerloff, the Swedish Minis-
ter to China, who had been in
Shanghai with the Crown Prince
and Princess of Sweden, returned
to Peking on November 22.

Judge Milton D. Purdy, in the
American Court, Shanghai, dis-
missed the divorce action of Brush
v. Brush. It is said that a reconcilia-
tion has been effected.

Dr. V. K. Ting, Mayor of Greater
Shanghai, left for Nanking on
November 20. Tsai Poh, Financial
Commissioner of Chekiang, arrived
in Shanghai from Hangchow and
will shortly depart for Nanking.

Viscount Kelgo Kiyoura, who re-
cently returned to Japan from
China, went to the Akasaka Palace
and was received in audience by
the Prince Regent. The Viscount
submitted a report to the Prince on
the Chinese political and economic
situation.

Mr. Oppenheim, LL.D., the legal
adviser of the Royal Dutch Shell
Company, is expected in Java at
the end of the month. He has been
appointed by cable to be acting
Chief Representative at Batavia, in
the place of Mr. Muurling, whose
death as a result of a motor ac-
cident has been announced.

Commander Nobile, Italian air-
ship constructor now en route to
Japan, will remain in that country
several months and probably will
supervise the construction of two
new dirigibles besides assembling a
dirigible airship of the Norge
type recently purchased by Japan.
Nobile, who gained fame for pilot-
ing his airship, the "Norge" across
the North Pole, is in the United
States, whence he will sail for
Yokohama in December.

The Hon. Sir Charles Montgomery
Kivaz, formerly Lieut.-Governor of
the Punjab, left 221,822.

Mr. E. E. Colman has been ap-
pointed to act as District Judge and
First Magistrate, Singapore.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett has ap-
plied for the Chiltern Hundred,
thereby resigning his seat in the
House of Commons.

Mr. G. Cullen, assistant superin-
tendent of police, Straits Settle-
ments, left on November 15 for Aus-
tralia on four months' leave.

"We welcome to British North
Borneo Captain Christoffel who is
said to be looking for the land and
who intends to stay here for some
time."—"B.N.B. Herald."

H.I.H. Prince Kan-in will repre-
sent the Prince Regent at the an-
nual Japanese military manoeuvres
to be held shortly in Kyushu. The
Prince Regent has been forced to
stay in the Capital on account of
the bad state of the Emperor's
health.

Mr. Ng Ping-wu, the well-known
Police interpreter at the head-
quarters of the Criminal Investiga-
tion Department, goes on three
months' leave to-day to Shanghai.
Mr. Ng has been in the Government
service for about 20 years and has
also assisted at military courts-
martial. His knowledge of local
crime, in unique and one or two
publications, in Chinese, have been
made by him.

Col. Edmund Wray, his wife and
son, were, on Oct. 20, found shot
dead in their home in Wensleydale,
Yorkshire. When serving as a
captain in the Royal Marine Light
Infantry during the Boxer uprising
in China in 1900 in defence of the
Peking Legations, Wray was or-
dered to build a barricade. The
spot was exposed to severe cross-
fire. After four hours' work the
enemy's fire became so heavy that
further construction was impos-
sible and a retreat was ordered.
According to Sir Claud MacDonald's
report, the retreat was carried out
with most exemplary coolness
under a severe fire. Wray was
killed in the honour.

A Reuter cable from New York
announces the death of the famous
philologist, James Wilson Bright.

A reception to Mrs. Miles
Lampson, wife of the new Minister
in Peking, will be held at B.W.A.
Headquarters in Shanghai on Fri-
day.

The engagement is announced
between Ronald Lindsay, eldest
son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. L. Stewart,
of Shanghai, and Nancy, only
daughter of the late Mr. William
Gould, and of Mrs. A. C. Gould, The
White House, Lymington.

A marriage has been arranged
and will take place shortly in Hong
Kong between Mr. Robert Lythgoe
Read, Shanghai, and Miss Jean
Vallance Fleming, sister of Mr.
John Fleming of Lowe, Bingham &
Matthews.

A British Wireless message
announces that H. M. the King has
approved the appointment of Mr.
Arnold Hodson, of the Consular
Service, to be Governor of the Falk-
land Islands, and their depen-
dencies, in succession to Sir John
Middleton, whose term of office will
expire shortly.

Mrs. Violet Blyeu died in the
Country Hospital, Shanghai, on
November 22, following the burst-
ing of a blood vessel caused by the
mental and physical strain of ren-
dering assistance to Chinese ladies
who were injured in a motor smash
which occurred outside the China
United Assurance building on
November 5. She was 42 years
old.

The American, Professor Mat-
thew, left Calcutta on the
15th instant for Java in order to
visit the spots where the remains
of vertebrate animals have been
discovered. He will also visit
Trinil where Dubois found the
bones of what he later called the
"Pithecanthropus erectus" whilst he
also hopes to make the acquaint-
ance of the skull which is at pre-
sent in the possession of Dr.
Haberlein. The latter offered his
discovery to the Government with
the statement that the skull was
not a Pithecanthropus, but a frag-
ment of a skull of a primitive
race of the same period.

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SPORTS SECTION

COUNTY CRICKET.

SUGGESTED CHANGE IN RECKONING.

HELP FOR BOWLERS?

London, Nov. 15.
Many important matters are on the agenda for the meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lords on Nov. 19, the chief being the question of assistance for the bowler.

The Lancashire Club will move that the present system of scoring points in the County Championship be cancelled and the following substituted:—Two points reckoned for a win and one each for a drawn game, and that the principle of percentage be retained.

GENE TUNNEY.

ALLEGES SPIE AGAINST U.S. B.C.

New York, Nov. 30.
Gene Tunney (who defeated Jack Dempsey and became the world's boxing champion) after a series of exhibition bouts with two sparring partners, was summoned for a violation of the boxing law prohibiting sparring in unlicensed places.

A few hours later, Tunney was due for a second performance, but was arrested.

There was an angry scene at the police station between Tunney and an inspector of the State Boxing Commission. Tunney declared that he was a victim of personal spite. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$500.—Reuter's American Service.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their league cricket match against 1st XI Cricketers on Saturday:—B. D. Evans (captain), G. R. Sayer, A. E. Wood, E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, E. C. Finch, F. E. Lawrence, P. Baker, F. J. Ling, E. W. Hamilton and F. H. Holdman.

Civil Service C.C. "A" will be represented by the following in their match against the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI at Happy Valley on Saturday:—J. H. E. Nibhill (captain), H. F. Harper, T. D. E. Pendered, R. C. Wickett, C. Sarna, H. F. Westlake, R. S. W. Patterson, E. Strange, Spittley, J. S. McLaren and P. O'Neill.

MURDER TRIAL.

WIDOW SEVERELY CROSS-EXAMINED.

Somerville, Nov. 20.
At the resumption of the murder trial Mrs. Hall reiterated her belief that no serious love intrigue existed between her husband and Mrs. Mills, but added that "apparently there was some slight thing going on."

The prosecuting counsel pressed her in cross examination, asking her why the day after her husband failed to come home she did not attempt to find him and subsequently when his body was found why she did not go to see it and have it brought home.

Mrs. Hall denied emphatically starting for Dunsbury's Lane on the night of the crime. She also denied overhearing a conversation wherein it was alleged that the two lovers arranged to meet under the apple tree. She further denied that she accompanied Henry Stevens thither.

The Rev. Edward Hall's two sisters testified to the widow's grief after the crime was committed.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT.

Rugby, Nov. 30.
Lord Cecil, who is attending the Disarmament Sub-commission in Geneva, informed correspondents last night that the preparatory conference for a Disarmament Conference might meet in March to draft the main principles of a convention for submission to the respective governments participating in the conference.

Lord Cecil doubted whether the conference would take place for at least a year. Careful preparation was essential if disappointment was to be avoided. The British Government were profoundly anxious that the conference should not fail, and he could not imagine any British Government which would not sincerely desire its success.

Having followed closely the work of various disarmament committees, he was more than ever convinced that an effective agreement for disarmament was practicable.—British Wireless Service.

HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

MAORIS DEFEATED.

Llanelli, Nov. 13.
A crowd of 14,000 witnessed the rugby match between Llanelli and the Maoris.

Llanelli pressed firmly and Parker scored a try after twenty minutes, amid great excitement.

The Maoris gained a firm footing in Llanelli territory, but despite swift breaking up and keen following up there was no further score.

For twenty minutes after the interval, Llanelli were attacking, giving the Maoris a grueling time.

Two Llanelli players were injured.

The Maoris made desperate efforts to draw level, but lost by 3 points to nil.

County Championship.

London, Nov. 13.
Results in the rugby county championship were as follows:—

Cumberland beat Lancashire by 15 points to 3, at Kendal.

Yorkshire beat Northumberland by 11 points to 9, at Gosforth.

London, Nov. 13.
Results of rugby union matches played to-day were as follows:—

Blackheath 9, Cambridge University 3.

Bristol 8, Bath 0.

Cardiff 14, Newport 8.

Gloucester 12, Devonport Services 3.

Leicester 6, Oxford University 3.

Plymouth 6, Old Blues 8.

Richmond 3, Harlequins 3.

Neath 10, Aberavon 6.

West of Scotland 21, Edinburgh Academicals 0.

Hawick 21, Edinburgh W. O.

Stewartonians 8, Merionethians 13.

Royal High School 0, Hillhead High School 3.

Watsonians 12, Glasgow High School 11.

"TENNIS PRO."

Melbourne, Nov. 30.
J. D. Anderson has definitely stated that he will not be available for the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition next year, as he intends to carry out his intention of becoming a professional.—Reuter.

ONE SHARE.

FANLING FARMING CO.'S APPLICATION.

Omission to file the return of allotment of one share in the Kiu Yip Land Investment and Farming Company, of Fanling, led to the representation of the Company at the Supreme Court this morning when Mr. H. S. Fitzroy applied for extension of time for filing.

It was explained that the Company was a limited liability one with a capital of \$75,000 divided into 150 shares of \$500 each. In the absence of the chief manager, one share had been allotted and the acting manager had failed to comply with the regulation.

Extension of time until December 2 was granted.

IRAK CALM.

Rugby, Nov. 30.
It is understood that it has been decided to reduce the strength of the Royal Air Force in Iraq after to-morrow from eight to seven squadrons.

This reduction had been made possible by the more settled state of things in the country.

The squadron which is to be disbanded is No. 1, which is stationed at Hinaidi and commanded by Squadron Leader Cyril Lower, the famous international Rugby footballer.

The squadron will be re-formed in the New Year as a Home Defence unit.—British Wireless Service.

RANCH FIGHT.

Brownville, Texas, Nov. 30.
Eight persons were killed and five wounded in an attempt by Mexican agrarians to seize an American-owned ranch near Matamoros.

The band had been transporting a house round the countryside as headquarters. When they began to move the house into the ranch, the ranchers, after warning fired. The agrarians, who were all killed, include a girl agrarian.—Reuter's American Service.

HOSPITAL CHARGES.

Why the Scale Was Altered.

OLD RATES "UNFAIR."

B.M.A. Epouses Local Drs. Case.

The Government has replied to criticism of its decision to increase Hospital fees by publishing correspondence between the British Medical Association, the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the local administration.

It will be seen from the letters that the question of revision of fees was raised several times during Sir R. E. Stubbs' period of office and that he was opposed to the scheme as proposed. The matter was reconsidered on Sir Cecil Clementi's assumption of office.

The publication of the correspondence is in response to the request of the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council at the Budget debate. Sir Henry Pollock on that occasion stated:—

"We are not prepared at present and without further explanation to endorse the proposed increase of charges to first and 2nd class patients at Government Hospitals, concerning which the only information given in the Colonial Secretary's speech is that the increases are the result of representations which have been made by the local Medical profession. We desire to be informed of the reasons which induced the local Medical profession to make those representations, because any addition to the cost of hospital attendance is most undesirable."

1920 Representations.

Summarising early attempts to have the scale of charges revised, the communiqué now issued states:—

In 1920 the local branch of the British Medical Association raised the question of the fees charged in Government hospitals. Government replied that it did not propose to increase the fees.

In 1923 three local firms of medical practitioners again took up the matter stating that they considered that local doctors were subjected to unfair competition by the low rates charged in Government hospitals and more particularly by the fact that surgical operations were performed free in those hospitals. The matter was referred to the Secretary of State, who replied that "it appears to be the general practice in the Colonies for Government Civil Hospitals to afford treatment to the general public on the payment of certain fees."

These fees, however, are clearly intended to cover only the cost of maintenance, nursing attendance, etc., and are paid into the Government Chest as revenue derived from the medical department, and no special effort seems to be made to avoid competition with private practitioners."

In view of this reply the Government informed the three firms that it was not prepared to establish a scale of special fees for operations in Government hospitals.

The matter was then taken up by the British Medical Association, London, and a copy of the following letter from the British Medical Association was forwarded by the Secretary of State for consideration.

B.M.A. Take Up Cudgels.

The British Medical Association Medical Department, on October 22, 1924, wrote as follows to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

"Sir,—I am instructed by the Dominions Committee of this Association to bring to your notice certain circumstances in connection with the Hospital Medical Service under the Hong Kong Government.

It is understood that the Hospital Medical Service is maintained by the Hong Kong Government for the purpose of supplying the medical needs of Government servants and the poor and that those Hospitals are staffed by Medical Officers employed by the Government and that private practitioners are debarred from attending or operating on their own patients in the Hospitals. Other patients, however, who do not belong to the Government Service and who are not in need of financial assistance to defray their medical expenses are also admitted for treatment and it happens that in many cases those admitted are not even residents of the Colony. The fees charged are: \$5.00 per day for the 1st class, \$5.00 per day for the 2nd class, \$2.00 or \$1.00 per day for the 3rd class.

These fees include not only Hospital maintenance but also medical, surgical and obstetric treatment, and drugs, whilst at the same time other Hospitals available in the Colony for the

patients of private practitioners charge similar fees for maintenance only.

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The result is that regardless of the financial position of the patient, whether resident, transient or tourist, of whatever nationality, is admitted into the Government Hospital, and simply on payment of the approximate cost of board and lodging according to the class of room taken, receives free, all medical treatment, and anything that may be required in the way of operation, X-ray or obstetrical work, etc. In other words there is a considerable class of patients receiving from the Government medical and surgical treatment as a charity to which they are in no way entitled.

The Dominions Committee is therefore of the opinion that the private practitioners in the Colony are at a disadvantage in that their patients are freely admitted and treated by operation or otherwise in Government Hospitals by Government Medical Officers, or in other words that there is unfair competition.

The Committee would be glad if the Secretary of State would approach the Hong Kong Government in order to ascertain if it would not be possible for the Government Hospitals to charge fees for medical and surgical consultations and treatment given by the medical staff to all persons admitted to the hospital except those Government Servants who are entitled by their contracts to free medical service and those members of the community who have not the means to pay for such services. Such fees should, of course, be approximately on the same scale as the fees charged by private practitioners. It is understood that arrangements on these lines are at present in force at the Government Hospitals in Singapore and the Dominions Committee sees no reason why a similar arrangement should not be set up in Hong Kong.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary.

Sir R. E. Stubbs' Attitude.

In reply the following despatch was addressed to the Secretary of State.

Government House, Hong Kong, 11th March, 1925.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 359 of the 15th November with regard to the terms on which patients are admitted to Government Hospital in this Colony.

2. After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that it would not be possible to work such a system as is suggested in the letter from the British Medical Association of the 22nd October, unless this Government definitely adopted the principle of allowing all medical officers the right of private practice. There is something to be said for the adoption of this principle as competition would reduce the very high fees charged by private practitioners here, but I do not think that the proposal would be regarded as satisfactory by the existing medical firms.—I have, etc.,

R. E. Stubbs, Governor, etc.

B.M.A.'s Reply.

Copy of a further letter from the British Medical Association, London, received from the Secretary of State.

"The British Medical Association, British Medical Association House, wrote on 15th December, 1925:—

"Sir,—I am instructed by the Dominions Committee of the British Medical Association to advert to my letters of the 22nd October, 1924, and 9th February last and Mr. Grindley's reply of May 5th (Reference No. 17839/25).

The Committee is advised that Sir R. Stubbs refused to receive a deputation from the general practitioners of Hong Kong who desired to explain their position and has never given them any facilities for laying their case before him. In these circumstances the Committee is unable to concur in the statement that the matter has been carefully considered by the Colonial administration, and would request, in view of the recent change of Governor, that the question may be re-opened.

I am to emphasise the fact that the proposition with regard to the imposition of fees for medical and surgical consultations and treatment at the Government Hospitals to persons not entitled by their contracts to free medical service and unable to pay for such service was not necessarily meant to imply that such fees should pass to the Government medical officers concerned. The point would be fully met if they were credited to the ordinary revenue of the Hospitals.

As regards Sir R. Stubbs' remark upon the very high fees charged by private practitioners in the Colony, I am to add that the Committee has been advised of the ordinary level of fees in

the Colony. It would appear that these fees are actually lower than those actually charged in Shanghai and Singapore and that in general they do not appear to be unduly high, having regard to the general level of fees in this country and the relative expenses of medical practice in Hong Kong and elsewhere.—I am, etc., (Sd.) G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary.

Sir C. Clementi's Policy.

The whole matter was reconsidered by the Hong Kong Government and on 22nd October, 1926, the following despatch was sent in reply to the Secretary of State.

Government House, Hong Kong, 22nd October, 1926.

Sir,—With reference to your despatch No. 462 of 23rd December, 1925, on the subject of the terms on which patients are admitted to Government hospitals, I have the honour to state that the matter has been fully reconsidered since my predecessor's despatch No. 102 of 11th March, 1925, was written.

2. After consultation with the Principal Civil Medical Officer I have come to the conclusion that there is force in the contention of the British Medical Association that private medical practitioners in this Colony are subjected to unfair competition, in that a person would ordinarily prefer to enter a hospital, such as a Government hospital, where charges for maintenance only and not for medical treatment could be made rather than a private hospital where charges both for maintenance and for medical treatment by a private medical practitioner would be made.

3. It has therefore been decided that a new scale of charges, as set out in the enclosed copy of Government Notification No. 566 of 8th October, 1926, shall be substituted for the present scale of charges which is shown in the enclosed copy of Government Notification No. 820 of 24th December, 1909, as from 1st January, 1927.

4. The chief points of difference between the present and the new scales are:—

(1) the charges for medical attendance at a rate of one-third of the maintenance rate in the case of 1st and 2nd class private patients; the Principal Civil Medical Officer is of opinion that this charge approximately equals the charge that private medical practitioners would make in ordinary cases;

(2) the fees charged for surgical operations and maternity cases.

5. It is considered that the Principal Civil Medical Officer should have discretionary power to waive the extra fees, in view of the fact that there is a class of person, who, whilst they can afford to pay 1st or 2nd class rates for maintenance, cannot afford to pay extra charges for medical attendance, surgical operations or maternity cases.

6. All fees with the exception of the consultants' fees will be paid into the ordinary revenue of the Colony.

7. The Government consultants referred to in the notification are the Professors of Surgery, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Hong Kong. These professors have always been connected with the Government hospitals, though hitherto their exact status has not been clearly defined. The matter was discussed with the Vice-Chancellor who concurs in the present proposals affecting these professors.

8. The rates for maintenance at the Peak Hospital will remain the same as they are at present, namely \$10 per diem for 1st class and \$5 per diem for 2nd class patients. Patients at this hospital are attended at their own charges by their own doctors.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) C. Clementi, Governor, etc.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised:—

Diphtheria: 2 cases (Chinese); from the city, one imported—2 deaths.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 6 cases from the city (1 British imported and 5 Chinese)—3 deaths.

Puerperal fever: 1 Chinese case from city—1 death.

Rugby, Nov. 30.—During the first nine months of the present year, 52,750 persons were assisted to migrate under the Empire Settlement Act. They included 5,500 families consisting of over 20,000 individuals who went to Australia and New Zealand. Information regarding the migrant families for Canada is not yet available.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 1, 1926. 10.30 a.m.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association	Settlement Share & Bond Society
T.T. on London	1/11	1/11	1/11
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2	79 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2 sa	1170 s	1170 n
do. London	1118 s	—	1118 n
Chartered Bank	121 b	121 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	130 n	130 n	—
do. C.	121 1/2 n	121 1/2 n	—
P. & O. Bank	134 b	134 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	80 s	80 n
Marine Insurance	—	—	—
Canton Insurance	640 b	625 n	1640 b
China Underwriters	145 n	140 b	140 s
North China Insurance	1145 n	1140 n	—
Union Insurance	205 1/2 n	205 1/2 n	205 1/2 b
Yankee Insurance	145 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	20 n	20 n	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	61 1/2 b	61 1/2 b	61 1/2 b
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglases	29 b 29 s	28 1/2 s	28 b
Hongkong Steamboats	27 1/2 n	27 1/2 n	27 1/2 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	14 s	14 n	14 n
Indo-China (Pref)	32 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def)	42 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	00 1/2 n	00 1/2 n	00 1/2 n
Star Ferries	62 s	60 b 61 s	61 s
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 n
Refineries	—	—	—
China Sugars	25 1/2 s	25 n	24 b
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n
Mining	—	—	—
Benguet	14 n	—	—
Kallan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	49 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	127 n	128 n	128 1/2 n
do. (Single)	14 n	14 s	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	15 n	0 n	—
Raub	88 1/2 n	340 b	335 n
Tronoh Mines	88 1/2 n	85 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	120 s	118 s	119 s
H.K. & W. Docks	18 n	18 b 51 s	18 n
Hongkew	175 n	175 n	175 n
New Engineering	176.60 n	174 s	174 n
Shanghai Docks	1123 s	1124 s	1125 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels	034 b	034 b 10 s	10 s
Hongkong Lands	60 s	58 1/2 b 60 s	60 s
Hongkong Realty	6.15 b	6 b	6 b
H.K. Territorial	4 s	4 s	4 s
Humphreys Estates	15 s	15 s	15 s
Prince's Building	80 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	10 1/2 s	0 1/2 0 30 s	0 1/2 s
Oriental	13 s	13 s	13 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	15 1/2 n	14 s	14 b
do. (new)	12 1/2 n	12 s	12 b
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Canton Ice	5 n	5 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	11 1/2 n	10 b	10 b
do. (old)	9 n	8 b	8 b
do. (new)	9 n	2 b	2 b
China Buses	0 1/2 b	17 1/2 b 18 s	17 b
China Lights (comb.)	10 s	13 s	12 b
do. (old)	14 1/2 n	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	11 1/2 n	10 s	10 n
China Prov.	54 b	54 b	54 n
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 b	18 1/2 b	18 1/2 b
Der A. Wing	6 s	6 s	6 s
Hongkong Amusements	16 b	15 n	15 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	134 b	2 b	2 b
Hongkong Electric	61 s	58 1/2 b 60 s	59 s
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 s
Hongkong Tramways	24 s	23 1/2 b 24 s	23 1/2 s
Lane, Crawfords	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	15 1/2 n	6.90 b	—
do. (new)	7.60 n	15 s	17 s
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	8 n	7 1/2 s
Singapore Trams	15 1/2 s	9.10 b	9 n
Taxis	15 1/2 s	14 1/2 s	15 1/2 n
United Asbestos	2 s	1 b	95 Cts n
do. (Founders)	—	—	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	600 n	—
Watsons	13 s	13 1/2 s	13 1/2 s
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
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People and Events in the News of the World



America's Navy Day was observed on the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt on October 27. Roosevelt was born in 1858 and died on January 6, 1919.



Miss Norma Smallwood has been chosen "Miss America, 1926," the judges selecting her from entrants from all sections of the country. The title carries with it possession of the golden mermaid for a year and \$1,000. Miss Smallwood had previously been adjudged the best dressed girl in an evening gown and she is the first young woman to carry off both prizes at the annual contest. She is 22 years old, 5 feet four inches tall, weighs 120 lb., has blonde hair, blue eyes, and fair skin. She was crowned by De Wolf Hopper in the role of King Neptune. Photo shows the new queen of beauty as "Miss Tulsa" and in her robes as "Miss America."



Vera Veall, assistant cashier of the Midland National Bank, gave testimony that helped the Government to trace bonds from Richard Merton, German industrialist, to Harry Daugherty. The former Attorney-General was tried in New York on charges of conspiracy, but the jury disagreed and were discharged.



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Babe Ruth played a tune of hope in a little comedy shortly before the start of the World Series of baseball games.



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The Rev. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, Texas, on trial for the murder of D. E. Chipps, a business man, who was shot to death in the pastor's study.

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KENTWELL CASE.

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JUDGE ON EXTRALITY.

The following report from the
"Shanghai Mercury" of November
24 amplifies Reuter's cables to
Hong Kong:—

Mr. Lipson Ward, the Acting
Crown Advocate, and Mr. Tycho
Wing (previously appearing for Mr.
L. K. Kentwell) were present in
H.M.S. Supreme Court, when
Judge Peter Grain handed the fol-
lowing judgment in the case of Mr.
L. K. Kentwell:—

The motion before the Court is
that the right to practice granted
to Lawrence Kentwell on the
6th day of November, 1916, be
withdrawn on the ground of mis-
conduct and that the Roll of Legal
Practitioners of this Court be
amended accordingly.

The misconduct alleged by the
Crown Advocate is that Lawrence
Kentwell falsely registered
a Chinese Subject, Chow Kwei-
ching, as a Spanish Subject at the
Spanish Consulate in Shanghai.

It is urged on behalf of Mr.
Kentwell that this registration was
effected for the benefit of his client,
Chow Kwei-ching.

It is admitted that Mr. Kentwell
did effect the false registration
and that it is a case of grave im-
propriety, but not a sufficient cause
for striking the name of a legal
practitioner off the Court, but that
some term of suspension would
meet the case. It is further urged
that, at the time of the registration,
the particular Consulate gave great
facilities for the registration of per-
sons to become its nationals and
that Mr. Kentwell availed himself
of these facilities for the benefit
of his client; that the Spanish Con-
sulate was ready to accept regis-
trations without inquiry; that Chi-
nese subjects are very desirous of
obtaining foreign rights; and that
the Spanish Consulate were prob-
ably not deceived.

The result of the registration of
the Company at the Spanish Con-
sulate of which the false registra-
tion of a Chinese subject as a
Spanish subject, was part of the
procedure, was that the Chinese
subject was deprived of large sums
of money.

In the course of the winding up
of the Company in which the Chi-
nese subject Chow Kwei-ching was
concerned, sums of \$43,518, Tls.
1,330 were received by Mr. Kentwell
as Liquidator and one Gonzales, an
Official of the Spanish Consulate,
and passed through their hands. It
is admitted that Mr. Kentwell re-
ceived \$5,900 as Legal Adviser to
Chow Kwei-ching; according to
another document professing to be
a liquidator's account, Mr. Kentwell
also received \$2,750 as "Lawyers

claiming fee" and \$2,500 as liqui-
dator and Tls. 250 for drawing up
by-laws of the Company, of which
there are no traces. While Chow
Kwei-ching only received \$26,000
out of the \$46,654 which he had
paid out on behalf of the Company.
And out of the \$26,000 he has had
to pay \$5,000 to Mr. Kentwell for
lawyers fees, \$854 for newspaper
advertisements connected with the
Company and \$380 the registration
fee at the Spanish Consulate.

Injury directly and indirectly
has been caused to the Chinese sub-
ject Chow Kwei-ching, concerning
which he has never ceased to
complain. I cannot see
how it could have been for the
benefit of Chow Kwei-ching that
he and his company should be re-
gistered, respectively as Spanish at
the Spanish Consulate, and should
be wound up under Spanish juris-
diction. I am not prepared to find
that what has occurred is uncon-
nected with an intention to defraud.
Even if this particular Consulate
did at that time give great facilities
for the registration of Chinese sub-
jects, there was all the more reason
for Mr. Kentwell as a member of
the English Bar and a legal practi-
tioner in this Court to do nothing
that might in any way directly or
indirectly encourage this irregu-
larity.

Foreigners in China by Treaty
are in possession of Extraterritorial
Rights and it is most essential at
all times and more especially at
the present period that foreigners
should not abuse those rights.

It is still more essential that a
trained lawyer, a member of the
English Bar and a legal practitioner
in H.M. Supreme Court for China
should do nothing in any way to
abuse those Treaty Rights which
he in the course of his profession
does so much to uphold and admin-
ister.

This matter has caused me much
anxious thought and the most grave
consideration.

It is undoubtedly a most serious
matter to strike off the Roll of
Legal Practitioners of this Court
a man who is a member of the Eng-
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high standard of integrity and
honesty which has always been
held by the Bar of these Courts.

And I have come to the conclusion
that the only course open to me is
to accede to the application of the
Crown Advocate and remove the
name of Mr. Kentwell from the Roll
of Practitioners of these Courts.

The Order therefore is, that the
right to practise in these Courts
granted to Lawrence Kentwell
on November 30, 1916, be
now withdrawn on the ground of
misconduct and that the Roll of
Legal Practitioners be amended ac-
cordingly.

Mr. Kentwell's Remarks.

Mr. Kentwell: I think I am en-
titled to ask your Lordship's per-
mission to say a few words. I feel
very much embarrassed ever since
the case of the Spanish registration
came up before your Lordship in
July last, and this morning I want
to impress your Lordship with the
courage in having this judgment
handed down in an open Court.
The previous hearings were con-
ducted in Chambers although I think
the whole world should know
of your decision in this case, Sir
Sidney Barton is of the same opin-
ion as is well-known to you.

Judge Peter Grain: You speak of
circumstances of which I know
nothing.

Mr. Kentwell: The case of
Spanish registration came before
your Lordship, and on judgment of
that case the Crown Advocate men-
tioned my name to be removed from
the Roll of the Bar. It would seem
rather peculiar that your Lordship
heard the case in July and August
last and found the case to be a
false registration. I do not think
that the same matter should be
brought against me to put me out
of commission and I do not quite
agree with.

Judge: I have given my judg-
ment. That is a matter in which
you have a right of appeal to the
Privy Council.

Mr. Kentwell: An appeal would
be futile. I wish to state in open
Court that this registration was
done six years ago, and two years
ago my opinion completely changed
that Chinese should not be regis-
tered in any Consulate.

Judge: But your political opinion
has nothing to do with this Court.

Mr. Kentwell: My attitude has
changed with regard to Chinese who
seek foreign protection. I feel that
it is on account of my political views
that the motion to put me out of
commission was brought about.

Judge: You are again referring to
your political views which have
nothing to do with putting you out
of commission. As a matter of fact
I know nothing about your politi-
cal views. I know that you attend-
ed the ratemakers meeting which
anybody is allowed to do. It is
purely an abstract question.

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Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so superscribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

INWARD MAILS.

From
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1. Empress of Asia
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2. Leingchow
Shanghai
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3. Tandu
Japan
Manila
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5. Pres. Taft
Manila
EUROPE via Naxospatam Letter and papers London
4th Nov.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7. Shirala
Japan and Shanghai
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10. Paul Lecat
Shanghai
Macedonia

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1. 3.30 p.m. Oakridge
Manila and Wuhow. 4.30 p.m. Tai Ming
Sunday and Wuhow. 5 p.m. Huichow
Sunday, Amoy and Formosa. 5 p.m. Kotsu Maru
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2. 11.30 a.m. Tianshan
Shanghai, Europe & ports specially superscribed via Siberia only
Manila. 8.30 p.m. Empress of Asia
Hainan and Hainan. 5 p.m. Mingsang
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3. Noon
Sunday, Amoy and Formosa. 6 p.m. Nanning
Shanghai. DECEMBER 4. Katsang
Sunday and Calcutta (Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.)
Yantai, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island due Thursday Island 18th Dec. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., U.S.A. & America, Canada, & Europe via San Francisco due San Francisco 20th Dec. Parcels 2 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
Amoy. DECEMBER 5. Pres. Taft
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6. 8.30 a.m. Kinsyan
Sunday, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m. Hozan Maru
Sunday, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m. Santa Maria
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6. 3.30 p.m. Pres. Jackson
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Manila, "Sunday, Bataan" "AUS-TRALIA" & "New Zealand" via Sydney due Sydney about 15th Jan. 1927. 5 p.m. Caisle

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

STRANGE SCENES.

PEKING SCHOOL TEACHERS' CLAIMS.

MINISTERS HOMES PICKETED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Peking, Nov. 24.

The row over the schools and universities continues unabated. In spite of Russia's \$300,000 gift of Boxer Fund money to the educational institutions, the schools and universities are still 90 per cent. inoperative.

Mobs of teachers and students picket the homes of the Minister of Education and of Dr. Wellington Koo: the Acting Premier, daily, besides keeping great crowds around the Foreign Office and the building occupied by the Ministry of Education.

The Acting Premier, and the head of the school system of China, are reduced to the ignominious expedient of sneaking in and out of their office by back doors.

Police Not Paid.

The Peking police have not been paid for more than two months, even though the Amusement Tax, and the Hatamun Octroi and other taxes supposed to go to the schools are alleged to have been diverted to pay the police.

The police are not paid. The money is collected, but no one knows where the cash goes. At last the rice and flour shops have refused to make any more deliveries of food to the police barracks unless the food is paid for in advance.

A HARD WINTER.

EXTREME POVERTY IN PEKING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Peking, Nov. 25.

So extreme is the poverty in Peking this winter that already 40 relief gruel kitchens are kept operating day and night, giving food to the sick and indigent.

Twenty six of these are being maintained by the Peking Relief Union, which has \$400,000 on hand for the winter's work, and the other 14 are being run by the government.

An attempt is also being made to raise an additional \$500,000 to finance the reopening of various factories in Peking, so that the poor may be given some productive work to do.

PEKING CABINET.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO-LIN WARY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Peking, Nov. 24.

The Cabinet, which has been expected to resign momentarily for the last week, still hangs on, but makes pretence of having any power. In fact yesterday Admiral Hu, former premier, went to Tientsin carrying in his pocket the en bloc resignation of the whole Cabinet, but Marshal Chang Tso-lin refused to accept it, intimating that he is not yet ready to assume control of political affairs here—nor of the responsibility for paying out the large sums of money which the central government is supposed to furnish to the anti-Cantonese generals.

P. & O. S. N. CO.

DIRECTORS AND LATEST DIVIDEND.

UNREST IN CHINA.

London, Nov. 30.

The P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd. directors propose to distribute out of the balance of £919,096 for the year ended September 30, a 10 per cent. dividend on the deferred stock tax free of which 5 per cent. has been paid as an interim dividend and to carry forward £132,156.

The directors explain that the poor state of trade generally, the unrest in China, and the loss caused by the labour troubles in Australia compelled reduction of the dividend a year ago, and the directors now propose a similar dividend, thanks to the conservative policy hitherto adopted and not to the profits made.—Reuter.

FAMILY QUARRELS.

Italy's "Fits of Bad Temper."

"OUGHT TO CEASE."

French Foreign Minister's Criticism.

Paris, Nov. 30.

In the course of pointed references to Italy the Foreign Minister, M. Briand, said that every country had the right to choose its own government and had every right to fit of bad temper, but there was a limit and Italy would admit that her family quarrels had gone far enough and ought to cease.

M. Briand declared that no country was opened wider to the Italian surplus population than France and her colonies.

As regards Franco-German relations, M. Briand expressed the opinion that the time had come for the League of Nations to replace the present inter-Allied Military Control in Germany.—Reuter.

COAL PEACE.

SOUTH WALES MEN MAKE TERMS.

London, Nov. 30.

Agreement has been reached in the South Wales coalfields for a 47-hour week and wages approximately about the standard before the stoppage, until May '31 next. The men will resume work tomorrow.—Reuter.

Improved Conditions.

Rugby, Nov. 30.

The South Wales and Yorkshire miners have decided on an immediate return to work, and Durham and Cumberland are the only remaining coalfields of importance where an agreement has not been reached. Long term agreements ranging from two to five years have been signed in all cases.

Over half a million men were down the pits yesterday. Through-out the stoppage the pits have been kept in good condition by the safety men, who refused to cease work.

A brisk demand for coal both in Britain and from abroad is expected to keep the collieries exceptionally busy for a considerable time. The individual output of the men at work exceeds the pre-stoppage rate.

The price of domestic coal has been reduced, but although the ration restrictions are removed, purchasers, on the Government's advice, are awaiting a fall to normal cost before buying more than immediate requirements.—British Wireless Service.

TOKYO ENVOY.

WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT EXPECTED.

MANY YEARS IN CHINA.

Paris, Nov. 30.

M. Paul Claudel, whose appointment to the Embassy at Washington is confidently expected, started his career in the consular services in the United States.

Afterwards he was ten years in China. After filling a series of European posts, with an interval in Brazil, he was appointed French Ambassador to Tokyo in 1921.

M. Claudel has attained distinction in literature, being considered one of the leading lyrical poets of France.—Reuter.

New Man For Tokyo.

Paris, Nov. 30.

Although no final decision has been taken, the Havas Agency understands that the Government has chosen M. Paul Claudel as Ambassador to Washington.

M. de Billy, the present Minister at Bucharest, it is likely, will be appointed to Tokyo.—Havas.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 1/16.

PARTY POLITICS.

LIBERAL M.P. BECOMES A LABOUR M.P.

A PERSONAL TRIUMPH.

Rugby, Nov. 30.

The result of the by-election in Central Hull was declared to-day. The by-election was created by Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy going over from the Liberal Party to the Labour Party. Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy resigned his seat, and sought re-election as a Labour member.

He retains his seat, having obtained 16,145 votes against Commander Gaunt, Conservative, with 11,466, and Lieut.-Colonel Kerr, Liberal, with 2,885.

At the last general election, Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy as Liberal polled 15,264 votes in a straight fight with Commander Gaunt, his present Conservative opponent, who received 12,904 votes.

The result is considered to be in the nature of a personal, rather than a Party triumph. Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy being popular as a politician and active in his advocacy of many causes.

As a reason for his secession from the Liberal Party, he declared that the Liberals could not longer offer effective opposition to the Conservatives, and that splits in the Liberal Party had rendered any prospects of its early return to power impossible.—British Wireless Service.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

Rugby, Nov. 30.

The Health Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said the object of the Government's proposal for reducing the housing subsidy next year was to reduce the cost of building, which really served to maintain and not to check housing. About 70,000 new houses annually were required to accommodate the normal increase of population, and allowing for the replacement of demolished old houses about 100,000 were required annually to keep pace with the house problem.

Since the war 788,000 new houses, of which the local authorities had built one-third, have been erected.—British Wireless Service.

\$1,000,000 BLAZE.

Taunton, Mass., Nov. 30.

Damage to a million dollars, not covered by insurance, is estimated to have been done at the factory of the H. O. Roberts Silver Company, which with other property was wiped out by a fire. The conflagration threatened to spread through the heart of the city before it was checked.—Reuter's American Service.

Mexico City, Nov. 30.—The

Industry Department states the Aguila Oil Company has formally accepted the new oil lands law.—Reuter's American Service.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR DEC. 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December	a.m.	p.m.
1	6.46	5.38
2	6.47	5.39
3	6.48	5.39
4	6.48	5.39
5	6.49	5.39
6	6.50	5.39
7	6.50	5.39
8	6.51	5.39
9	6.51	5.39
10	6.52	5.40
11	6.53	5.40
12	6.53	5.40
13	6.54	5.40
14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.55	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.00	5.46
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.01	5.47
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.48
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